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Christmas At M. G. H.

Hope Ingersoll, student nurse, and young patient decorate for Christmas.

M.G.H. Credit Union Expands

The M.G.H. Credit Union which started in October, 1950, has grown from a handful of members and a capital of a thousand dollars to over three hundred members and a capital of $40,000. This progress has been made without any membership drive and shows a commendable willingness on the part of the employees to save their money through the payroll deduction method.

At the annual meeting of the M.G.H. Credit Union in November, a dividend of 2½% was declared on all full shares held in the Credit Union.

In addition to saving money, opportunity is given to members in good standing to borrow money at a reasonable rate of interest. Membership in the Credit Union is useful as a source of credit reference. Banks and other organizations often refer to the Credit Union Treasurer for this purpose. Membership is open to all employees of the M.G.H. or the Eye & Ear Infirmary and those who work on the premises of either hospital.

To join this rapidly expanding Credit Union, see Mr. Joseph P. Inferrera, Treasurer of the M.G.H. Credit Union, on Thursday afternoons in the Accounts Payable Office, Baker 2. If you are unable to come in person, drop a note to Mr. Inferrera; and he will forward an application to you.

M.G.H. Operetta Company

The Operetta Company held a meeting on Monday, December 15, to make plans for their forthcoming operetta. This year, the group is going to present Gilbert & Sullivan's "Pinafore." If you are interested in joining this group, come to the next meeting on Tuesday, January 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the Moseley Rotunda.

Hospital Family Celebrates Christmas Season

Yuletide is always a pleasant and festive season. This is especially true at M.G.H., for the spirit of Christmas —good will and cheer—is extended to all. Patients and employees alike are remembered in the holiday program.

An impressive calendar of activities helped to bring cheer to those patients who were confined over the holidays. The M. G. H. Staff Wives arranged the first event—a concert of carols for adult patients by the "The Morning Chorale" on December 13 in the Moseley Rotunda. Throughout the Christmas season, the wards echoed with sounds of carols sung by Glee Clubs from Harvard, Radcliffe, New England Conservatory, Winsor School, Elizabeth Peabody Girl Scouts, and M. G. H. carolers. The chimes of the Beacon Hill Hand Bell Ringers were also heard, and Christmas music emanated daily from the hospital Chapel.

A special party for adult patients was held in the Rotunda on December 22. Georgia Mae and her White Guitar, Herbie Sulkin, accordionist, and Edward Casey, tap dancer, entertained this group. The children in Vincent-Burnham were surprised by a visit from Santa Claus on December 24.

Employees and their families were feted on Tuesday evening, December 23. As has been the custom in the past, the children were entertained in the Rotunda from seven to eight. Here, Dr. Perry Culver acted as Master of Ceremonies, introducing Dr. Clark and the performers. Dr. Leonard Laster aroused a great deal of enthusiastic response when he read " 'Twas the Night Before Christmas" with the children, and David Holmes delighted the young audience with his magic feats. The appearance of Mr.

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A New Song In My Mouth

Even before Christmas, Grandma Moses was 92. The greeting cards that reproduce her paintings of countryside scenes of upper New York State are so familiar that we hardly realize that Grandma Moses is a real person. Mrs. Anna Mary Robertson Moses seems to have a complete understanding of Christmas and the Winter Season. Fifteen years ago, when she was 77, her husband died. There did not seem to be much for her in the years ahead. She decided to try painting, for she said, "Anyone can paint if they want. All they need to do is start and they'll make something. As time goes on, it will get better and better."

Grandma Moses' name and spirit remind us of that great law giver of the same name, who led his people out of bondage into the wilderness not knowing where he was to go. The New Year is a personal wilderness for each one of us. It is a little frightening if we look only for the lurking dangers; but it seems difficult if we simply start on it and do what we can with each day. We can make something of it and it will get better and better! There are many things in the old year for which we are sorry, yet there is so little we can do, because "Yesterday is already a dream, and tomorrow is only a vision; but today, well lived, makes every yesterday a dream of happiness, and every tomorrow a vision of hope."

As we plan ahead, we would like to end 1953 having fewer reasons for pangs of remorse. Someone has said, "There are ten good things for which no one has ever been sorry: For being good to all; For speaking evil of no one; For hearing before judging; For thinking before speaking; For holding an angry tongue; For being kind to all the distressed; For asking pardon for all wrongs; For being patient toward everybody; For stopping the ear to the talebearer; and, For disbelieving the words of evil report." If we let these good things guide us, at the end of 1953 we will be able to say with the Psalmist of Old, "I waited patiently for the Lord; He inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God."

Chaplain James H. Burns

Dietary's Role In Christmas Activities

The M. G. H. family table seated 409 guests for Christmas dinner this year! Everyone of the folks who enjoyed this gracious hospitality played an important role in the care of the patient who had to spend this Christmas in the hospital. To make every meal a festive one on Christmas day, special tray cloths and napkins, nut cups, a sprig of holly, and the Occupational Therapy Christmas card gave each menu an extra touch of thoughtfulness.

A spirit of gaiety pervaded the kitchens as busy hands prepared for sixty special parties, for the big hospital family celebration, and for Christmas dinner. The "market basket" overflowed with 150 dozen cookies, twenty large pans of brownies, 1000 macaroons, and seventy-five fruit cakes, as well as forty turkeys and all the traditional trimmings.

Bouquets From Our Patients

Dr. Clark would like to share with you a few of the letters which he has received from patients:

"I never knew what a good hospital was until I came to Baker Memorial — it is superlative! I received constant and careful attention from the staff, and after the first few weeks, really enjoyed my stay. Everyone was cheerful and worked together beautifully. I think the general contentment and good spirits of the patients reflect this excellent organization. The food also was very good. Thank you!"

"To be ill is almost a privilege to be in a hospital such as this. I have made friends of all who gave me care and service. Thanks to everyone."

"MISS RED FEATHER"

Red Feather Campaign A Success

Thanks to the generosity of M.G.H. personnel and the conscientious efforts of solicitors our goal of $20,000 was reached.

A feature of the campaign this year was the selection of a "Miss Red Feather" to represent M.G.H. at the Hospital Day Red Feather Luncheon. Each pledge card represented a vote for a favorite candidate. Miss Georgia DiEoreo of the General Nursing Service, received the largest number of votes and thus became "Miss Red Feather" of M.G.H.

CHRISTMAS

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and Mrs. Santa Claus with gifts for all climaxed this gathering.

Wilbur Pinckney and his orchestra provided the music for the dance which followed the Children's Party. There was also entertainment in the Nurses' Cafeteria. Members of the cast of "On Call" enacted some of the highlights of their recent revue, and Dr. James H. Means read from Dicken's "A Christmas Carol." Refreshments were served in the East Cafeteria and in the "Street Scene".

Members of all the ladies' committees, volunteers, doctors' wives, and hospital family cooperated to make this a "Merry Christmas" for everyone.

ATTENTION CHESS PLAYERS

All those interested in playing chess, please contact the Personnel Office. If enough people are interested, a group will be formed.

SNAPS TAKEN DURING CHRISTMAS TIME

Santa Claus distributes toys to children at Family Christmas Party in Rotunda

Children in Vincent-Burnham receive visit from Santa Claus on Christmas Eve.

Nativity scene displayed in Brick Corridor during Christmas week.

Miss Alice Perry and Robert Briley entertain at Adults' Party.

Some members of the cast of "On Call" who performed again at the Christmas Party.

"On Call" Entertaining Musical Revue

Playing to capacity houses on both nights, the nurses and doctors of this hospital presented a musical revue, "On Call," at the New England Mutual Hall on November 18 and 19. Sponsored by the Class of '53 of the School of Nursing, the show told the story of the visit of Clem and Emma from down Maine to the City of Boston. Clem was played by Dr. Clement Hiebert and Emma by Miss Ann Eastman.

The itinerary of Clem and Emma took them to Newbury Street where a store window mannikin danced a charming ballet for them. Going next to Symphony Hall they heard a violin solo, a song, and finally a scene from "Blithe Spirit" by Noel Coward performed in classic tragic style. At the end of the first act they went to a nightclub where, among other fine acts, a can-can chorus so disturbed Clem that he broke his ankle. The Emergency Ward of the MGH was the site of Clem's treatment; and, after several songs and a tap dance, Clem was finally fitted with a foot cast sporting a turned-up, pointed toe. Hobbling through the Common with Emma, Clem saw a boy and girl take an "Old Fashioned Walk," and he then proceeded to a performance of "On Call" where he saw several songs and dances. Before the finale number, "Give My Regards to Boston," Clem and Emma went to a reading of the story of the Creation, for which an original interpretive dance was performed.

Replete with beautiful dancing girls, singers, musicians, actors, and infectious enthusiasm, "On Call" provided an evening of pleasant entertainment. All the acts were of high caliber and it would be difficult to single out any for special plaudit. The most striking feature of the performances was the sense of pleasure the cast seemed to derive from putting on the show, and it was this enjoyment that was communicated to the audiences.

An erroneous impression must be corrected. During the night club scene Dr. John Knowles of the Medical Service rendered several selections on the piano. Rumor has it that Dr. Knowles was depicting a post-lobotomy patient. This is not the case. Originally scheduled to perform the first movement of a symphony for comb and tissue paper, Dr. Knowles finally decided to play some classical pieces on a piano in a racoon coat. It was most difficult to get the piano into the coat and Dr. Knowles is to be commended for a fine job under trying circumstances.

Can-can Chorus from "On Call"

M.G.H. Staff Wives Hospital Committee

A little over a year ago the M.G.H. Staff Wives Hospital Committee was organized under the direction of Mrs. Walter Bauer. All wives of doctors on the hospital staff were invited to join it. From the beginning it has been evident that one of the major purposes of this group is to promote a closer relationship between those doctors and their wives who are visiting the M.G.H. from other countries and the doctors and wives of the M.G.H. Staff. To this end a series of teas have been given in the hospital. Members of the Staff Wives who expressed an interest in meeting our visitors were invited to these teas. They subsequently entertained them in their homes. Hospitality of this kind is an expression of personal welcome to our country and an opportunity for everyone to become better acquainted.

The Staff Wives have been active in many other ways. Under their direction the penthouse on the top floor of the White Building was decorated for the use of the House Staff as club rooms. Letters were sent out to people who were interested in the hospital, and a very enthusiastic response was elicited — 163 people from 29 states replied with contributions amounting to approximately $2,900. There was widespread local interest as well. Coffee parties were given in five different communities by Staff Wives to collect phonograph records and books. The Boston Museum of Fine Arts and the Vose Galleries loaned works of art and paintings. Other gifts received were a piano, a Capehart radio and record player, a percolator, china, and incidental accessories.

Mrs. Milford Schulz has arranged a series of afternoon concerts for patients to be given in the Chapel twice each month. The first of this series was given on November 11, when Dr. Homer Whitford, Director of Music, McLean Hospital, gave an organ recital. Later in the month, students from Boston University gave a program. On December 10, the Belmont Women's "Morning Chorale," Mrs. John F. Loud, Director, gave a short Christmas cantata with carols; and Mrs. Helen H. Cushing gave a program of Christmas carols and organ music on December 19.

Staff Wives have given more than 2,000 hours as volunteers under the direction of Mrs. Courtney, Director of Volunteers. In addition, the Surgical Dressing Committee has been active making bandages, and other Staff Wives have donated time as volunteer nurses.

The Staff Wives are represented by two members on the Coordinating Committee. This committee attempts to integrate the activities of the many volunteer groups within the hospital. In this way, Staff Wives will devote their maximum efforts to those activities which will be most useful to the M.G.H. and the hospital family.

WANTED

Teacher of conversational Italian for informal classes with student nurses; remuneration small, but appreciation will be great. Please contact Miss Kelley in Personnel

Barbara Mackay Gallien, student nurse, offers refreshments in the Walcott House living room to a group of juniors and seniors from high schools all over Massachusetts who came to the Open House on Friday, November 28th.

Open House At The M.G.H. School of Nursing

Juniors and seniors from high schools all over Massachusetts were invited to attend an open house at the Massachusetts General Hospital School of Nursing on Friday morning, November 28. More than two hundred students were greeted at the hospital, coming from all parts of the state—from Springfield, Agawam, Chatham, and New Bedford, to name only a few.

Miss Ruth Sleeper, the Director of the School of Nursing and Nursing Service at the Massachusetts General Hospital, welcomed the students and described to them the educational program at the hospital. A senior student then gave an illustrated talk which depicted the life of the student nurse at the M.G.H. Following this, two student nurses who have been in the School of Nursing since September put on a demonstration of how to care for a patient who needs to have a surgical dressing changed.

After refreshments in the Walcott House living room, the M.G.H. student nurses took their out-of-town guests on guided tours of the hospital in which they explained to them various aspects of the Massachusetts General Hospital's part in contributing to community health.

Bowling League

With the holiday season approaching rapidly, the bowlers also will enjoy a holiday in another respect. Since Christmas and New Year's both fall on a Thursday, there will be no bowling during these two weeks. This comes at a very opportune time since it is at this point that we have reached the halfway mark.

The preseason prediction has run true to form. The favorites, the Accounting Team, sparked by Ernie Zunino, and the Maintenance Team, sparked by Mac McLean and John Tobin, are well in front of the other teams. The Electricians and the Printing Teams have been battling for the third position with the Electricians having a slight edge. The Yankees who were gunning for their third straight pennant are in fifth place and appear to be stuck there. The Plumbing, Laundry, and Pharmacy Teams are holding up the rest of the League; and, although John Cavallaro, Lukie May, and Salvatore Gasdia have bowled very well, respectively, the competition is very keen this season and often one point has meant the difference between victory and defeat.

To single out one individual, Joe St. Pierre, in his usual fine style, is leading most of the competitive prizes. His seasonal average of 98 is far above the second man; also his three string high 339 is another mark. In the award though Fred Mapplebeck is runner-up with 321. Meanwhile, Russell Gasdia through a herculean effort arrested the high single string from Mike Giggi and his 136 is still tops.

Right now, I think, is a good place to reflect over the first half and single out a few boys who have shone brightly up to now. Of course, every team has fine men, and each one of them is responsible fully for victory or defeat. However, in all battles there are leaders and in singling out these men, I keep in mind a fraternal slogan, "Each needs the help of the other," and such is the case in bowling as in many other phases of athletics.

Louis Jeffrey

Suggestion Award

Mr. George A. Mitten, General Nursing, received $5 for his suggestion to remove the sign "Psychiatric Laboratories—thru ward" on the door of Bulfinch 3. This sign was often misinterpreted by patients assigned to the Bulfinch ward.

The cornerstone was laid on Monday, December 8, for Bartlett Hall, the new nurses' residence, which will be open for student nurses and graduate nurses this spring.

ABOUT FOLKS

Eye and Ear

As the Infirmary's Red Feather Chairman for 1952, I should like to report on the fine results of the Hospital's Campaign. Thanks to all of you, the final tally was most impressive.

This year, ninety-six percent of the Infirmary's personnel — medical staff and lay employees—contributed to the drive, thus setting a new record for the number of givers. Thanks to the generous response Infirmary members made to the Red Feather appeal, the Hospital not only met its financial goal, but contributed over and beyond the assigned quota. This is surely a record of which to be proud.

At this time, I should also like to acknowledge my deep appreciation for the work done by the following Red Feather Captains, without whose help the Campaign could not have been successful.

The Captains are: Miss Evelyn Brewster, Miss Mary Evangelista, Mrs. Ethel Franklin, Mrs. Bertha Hodge, Mrs. Hattie Jones, Mr. William Kelly, Miss Dorothy Linden, Miss Walborg Peterson, Miss Phyllis Scott, and Miss Madeline Shipsey.

Miss Anita Mangiarcine
Red Feather Chairman

A sound motion picture, "Fire and Your Hospital," was shown at the Infirmary on December 2 as a part of the hospital's fire prevention program. This half-hour film was produced under the direct supervision of the Chairman of the Safety Committee of the American Hospital Association. The picture was made in a New York Hospital, and the men and women in the picture are members of the hospital's medical and lay personnel.

The film stressed particularly fire "prevention," illustrating the major precautions that can be taken to make a hospital safe from fire hazards. The need for cooperation and effort by all personnel and the importance of "good housekeeping" in every department were emphasized. Most important, according to the motion picture, was first—the awareness of the hospital members of potential dangers, and second—training and preparation, so that at the time of emergency the fire is reported immediately in the proper way, each employee knows his post and duties, and is ready to carry out his previously assigned part.

Dietary

Miss Mary Bringer, Dietetic Intern, graduated this month and returned to her home in Illinois.

Ernest Kahn, formerly an assistant cook in our department, is home from Korea; and we expect to welcome him back in the White Kitchen about the first of the New Year.

Bob Butler has been transferred to the Bake Shop to work with Louis Giangrande.

Lillian Scannel has a new daughter-in-law. Her son, John, who was in the U. S. Navy until a short time ago, was married recently to Jean Morris at St. Patrick's Church in Watertown.

Fred Ganno, who used to be in White Kitchen Food Truck Service, is a member of the Boston Police Department now. He paid us a visit this month, strictly social, of course. We wish him success in his new field.

Mrs. Powers of the Food Store had her son home from Korea for Christmas—the best Christmas present.

Almost any patient who visits the Out-Patient Department stops by the Lunch Counter and agrees that Thelma Mosbey and Kathleen Hurd take good care of them.

The Dietary Department takes more than a little pride in that busy unit which serves about seven thousand or more people each period.

We had our picture taken this month as a part of S. Blickman's Inc. plan to inform the public of the progress they have made in streamlining food conveyors. Perhaps you have noticed the new trucks now used in BM and PH. Several members of the Dietary Department "modeled" for Mr. Abbot. These pictures will appear in the spring issue of the equipment bulletin called "Trends."

General Nursing

Congratulations are in order for Miss Georgia DiEoreo of the M.G.H. Nursing Auxiliary Service for being selected "Miss Red Feather" of the Massachusetts General Hospital.

Mr. Harry Powell, hospital aide of the Emergency Ward has had surgery on White 6 and is now recuperating. We look forward to having Mr. Powell back on duty soon.

Mr. George McMahon, hospital aide on the Dermatology Ward, has been confined to his home with a cold. We look forward to his rapid recovery and his return to duty.

Housekeeping

At several of the weekly meetings of supervisors and foremen, representatives of national supply houses delivered lectures on their products and methods. These lectures were enjoyable and informative since the representatives brought with them new ideas and suggestions.

The weekly meetings mentioned above are something new in the Housekeeping Department. Each Monday, the supervisors and foremen meet in Mr. McNair's office to discuss the various projects undertaken since the previous meeting, the methods used, and any new ideas which might seem valuable to the Department as a whole.

A speedy return to good health is wished for Mrs. Roberta Polleys by her fellow workers and many friends. Mrs. Polleys was recently a surgical patient and is now regaining her strength at her home in Somerville.

Perhaps by Press Time, or shortly thereafter, the Housekeeping supervisors will begin bidding for "Best Dressed of 1952." It was recently voted to adopt a distinctive type of coat for supervisors. This coat with its I.D. tag, it is hoped, will set off the Housekeeping supervisors, so that when something must be done the other hospital personnel will know the persons to call upon.

Esther L. Mimnaugh, a telephone operator at the M.G.H. for 28 years until her retirement in 1951, died recently at her home in Lexington. Miss Mimnaugh will be remembered by many for her niceties and many considerations extended to both medical and lay personnel.

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A Letter To Employees

Please accept my thanks and the thanks of the Arrangements Committee for your help in making our Christmas Party a success. There were numerous volunteers on hand, and there was also extra work on the part of some employees who were on duty.

In my estimation, more members of the hospital family enjoyed this party than ever before. Without the efforts you so generously put forth to help, this would have been impossible. Thank you again.

Dean A. Clark, M.D.
General Director

Why Save?

Everybody has some special reason for saving. For some it's the home they have always wanted to own. For others it's a farm or business, a trip, or a college education for their children. Others save for future security.

No matter what your personal reasons may be, you are more likely to have your dream come true if you save for it regularly out of current income. Start now — TODAY — to save through the M.G.H. Credit Union by regular payroll deductions. You'll be amazed to see how fast your savings increase with this automatic plan. M.G.H.'ers were able to withdraw $6,800 in savings during the past Christmas season.

To join the M.G.H. Credit Union, see the Treasurer of the Credit Union any Thursday afternoon in the Accounting Office on Baker 2.

M. G. H. Operetta Company

The Operetta Company is planning to produce a "double feature" this year. The turnout of talent was so great that they have decided to present two Gilbert and Sullivan's operettas. M.G.H.'ers can now look forward to seeing "H.M.S. Pinafore" and "Trial by Jury" on the same night.

Our lines of communication

Our Goodwill Messengers

How many of us realize the importance of the telephone operator in the hospital organization? She is very often the first contact the hospital has with the public. She can create a favorable or unfavorable impression of the hospital. If she handles calls in a pleasant, courteous manner, gives information promptly, individuals tend to think kindly of the hospital. In addition, she is in a position to set the tone and the example of telephone etiquette throughout the hospital.

Our switchboard is a very busy one. Telephone calls for both the M.G.H. and E & E Infirmary come through this board. Often, the entire 48 trunk lines through which incoming and outgoing calls are placed are busy at the same time. The operator must know where to place each call. Our departments are numerous, and the wires on the board seem a jumble to the onlooker. An alert mind and eye are necessary to keep track of all calls.

The nature of the calls varies. Inquiries relative to the condition of patients are received constantly. It takes two full-time operators to answer these calls during the daytime. A directory of all patients is kept in the department so that no time is lost seeking information. Like most businesses, the peak load is during the day. In addition to the two operators who handle patient calls, five operators are necessary to handle the remaining calls. A 24-hour coverage is maintained at the switchboard.

The volume of business conducted through the switchboard can be discerned from a glance at one of the monthly telephone bills. It averages about $10,000 monthly. It is interesting to note that calls have sometimes been placed to M.G.H.'ers in such distant places as Holland, Norway, Puerto Rico, and Rio de Janeiro.

Not all outgoing calls are placed through the operators. Ninth-level telephones are located in some offices where a great deal of outgoing calls must be placed. In such a setup, an outside line is obtained by dialing "9." A mechanical device then does the rest. Where the ninth-level tele-

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Patients Get Better Care — When Departments Work Together

Absenteeism and rapid turnover of personnel cause employees to perform duties in excess of those routinely assigned to them. "Doubling up" of work is imperative because there is little in the care of the patient that can be postponed to a time when there may be more people available to work.

Employees on the whole tend to accept additional functions within their department. There is reluctance, however, to cross departmental lines for the purpose of helping those in another department who are struggling to discharge successfully their duties for the day.

Every job, no matter how unrelated it may appear, contributes vitally to the care of the patient. Each department is dependent upon the other to function effectively. This is especially true when there is insufficient help for normal operation. Departmental demarcations should not interrupt or interfere with functions which must occur in order to bring about the recovery of the patient. Willingness to accept responsibility for continuity of patient care is the essence of cooperation and coordination.

We have had a recent demonstration of this spirit of cooperation. The Housekeeping Department stepped in to help the workers in the Dietary Department when the latter had become exhausted to the limit due to the extra work assigned as a result of vacancies and illness within the department.

The spirit of cooperation was not entirely within the hospital family. As a measure to help the Dietary Department during this predicament, the M.G.H. Staff Wives Committee prepared the sandwiches for a tea given at the hospital in honor of foreign students. At Christmas all departments aided in simplifying the problem imposed on the Dietary Department of supplying refreshments for the various departmental parties. The Dietary Department, in its desire to foster the good will that these parties promote, was eager to continue its role, although it had to curtail to some extent the work involved.

More of the hospital family took part in the Christmas activities than ever before. There is no doubt of the success of the patients' and employees' parties. Cooperation and coordination of all departments made it possible to plan and carry out activities on a wide scale, as must occur in an organization as large as ours. This was a demonstration of what concerted effort can do. This same group effort when extended toward the welfare of the patient is what makes it possible to continue the type of care for which the hospital is so well known.

Credit in the Blood Bank!

Beginning February 1, 1953, the Blood Bank will start a new policy whereby all employees in the M.G.H. can establish and build up a credit for blood in the Blood Bank. Individuals in good health can donate a pint of blood about every three months.

The blood you donate to the Blood Bank will be kept on record in your name for future use for yourself, your family, or anybody in the M.G.H. family to whom you want to transfer the credit in case the blood is needed during an admission to the M.G.H.

Join the program now by calling the Blood Bank, Extension 2161 or 2165, for an appointment for your first donation to the M.G.H. Blood Credit Program.

Be Prepared

The Hospital Safety Committee would like all employees to become familiar with the directions on the various fire extinguishers located throughout the hospital, so that in the event of an emergency valuable time will not be wasted finding out how to operate them.

The kitchen where the old brick ovens and cast iron stoves were located.

Something New!

The hospital now has a new incinerator in which to burn rubbish. This new incinerator is located in the old oil storage tanks of the Power House. It has taken about four months to build and has cost $43,000. It requires only one man to operate it. The stack for the new incinerator is 115 feet tall, lined with 8 inches of fire brick.

The original stack was built in 1848 as a part of the old brick ovens for the kitchen located in the area now occupied by the Laundry. This stack included many flues for the ovens and cast iron stoves then used, as well as the cast iron kettles used to boil water for the laundry. This stack was used as a flue for an incinerator which was installed around 1898. It was used regularly until it was condemned recently as a health hazard to the neighborhood.

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phone is not available, an outside connection may be had by merely dialing the operator and stating the exchange desired. A problem often arises when a person states it is a "local" call because experience has shown that not everyone agrees on how near or far "local" is. For prompt service, cooperation must exist on both ends of the line. Our telephones provide the most important avenue of communication within the hospital and with the outside world, as well.

Chess Players

More members are wanted for our Chess Club. Please contact the Personnel Office, if interested.

The Ladies' Visiting Committee

In 1869, a committee appointed by the trustees of the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston reported that they were in favor of appointing female visitors to the female wards but that the measure must be regarded as an experiment . . . that the hospital is very well managed as it is . . . and it is unwise to disturb what is satisfactory . . . but that it may be found that with the help of judicious women it may be managed better . . . and that the benefits to be expected from lady visitors would, they thought, arise from their more acute perceptions.

Seven young ladies and four older ladies were appointed, and just one year later were authorized by the trustees to visit the male wards, also, at their discretion. Today, there is a Ladies' Visiting Committee of 50 active members who visit the wards in the General Hospital and, upon request, patients in the semi-private Baker Memorial.

Each month visitors are assigned by the chairman of the Ward Visiting Committee to twelve wards in the General Hospital. Every member expects to visit for two months during the year, not necessarily consecutively, usually visiting her ward, or wards, twice a week. Any calls that come for special visiting are assigned by the chairman of the Ward Visiting Committee to one of the Committee who, she thinks, would be most helpful with that particular case. These special requests come from head nurses, social service workers, chaplains, members of the staff, and the trustees. Quite often they are for patients who are too far from home to have any visitors.

The Ladies' Visiting Committee may still be an "experiment" and somewhat unique among women's hospital committees. The Committee does not have a constitution or by-laws. Members do not pay dues, nor have they been asked to raise money. Yet, they are custodians of six funds, three being willed to them and two given in memory of former members of the Ladies' Visiting Committee. The sixth, the X Fund, comes from an anonymous donor. The money from this fund is turned over to the hospital trustees to be spent for expensive medicines, like ACTH, etc., which so many patients are unable to pay for. Each year, reports are sent to the donor, telling him of the specific cases his generosity has helped; and it is interesting that, never having had any previous association with the hospital, he felt that giving money to the Ladies' Visiting Committee, would assure its being used with a personal touch.

At the 83rd Annual Meeting of the Ladies' Visiting Committee, Mrs. Richard W. Hale (center) receives a 50-year M.G.H. Service Pin from Dr. Clark, as Mrs. Augustus Thorndike, Chairman of the Ladies' Visiting Committee, looks on.

With the income from these funds, the net profits from the General Store, and contributions for special purposes, the Ladies' Visiting Committee is able to function. The Committee has always been interested in pioneer projects in the hospital. It was responsible for starting the Memorial Gift Fund, and supported, wholly or in part, one of the first social workers, the first occupational therapist, and the first director of volunteers. These are now recognized parts of the hospital organization.

There are now many subcommittees, arising from "acute perceptions" while visiting and from personal contacts with the patients.

Cooperating with the Occupational Therapy Department, the Christmas Committee is responsible for Christmas activities throughout the hospital. Planning for the patients' Christmas party, transportation of patients to and from the party, a children's party and the purchase of a gift for each child, purchase of poster paints for decorating the windows and glass partitions in the wards, Christmas cards for all ward patients and current Out-Patient Department patients, the addressing of the Christmas programs made in the Occupational Therapy Department, the purchase of greens and trees inside and outside the hospital, the financing of special Christmas projects, and the planning for groups of carolers and various other Christmas activities, are among the accomplishments of this committee.

The Library Committee annually purchases a number of new books and magazine subscriptions for the Warren Library.

The Chapel Committee supervises the order and maintenance of the hospital Chapel and keeps it supplied with flowers.

Notwithstanding the great value of all these varied services, the primary objective of the Ladies' Visiting Committee is still visiting the patients.

Nursing

Miss Marion Johnson who used to work in the formula room was married recently. We wish her much happiness.

Mrs. Jeanette McMaster and Mrs. Elma Simpson have joined the Hospital Aide group working in the Central Supply Room.

Miss Dorothy Faucette, evening aide on White 5AC, underwent surgery recently. We hope that she will be well enough to return soon.

Marion Decker, M.G.H. graduate, has resigned to spend the winter in Stowe, Vermont—skiing.

E. W. and Overnight Personnel were given a party by the head nurses, Miss Littlefield and Miss Small. A good time was enjoyed by all.

The first group of team leaders shown with Mrs. Dorothy Newcomb, Assistant Director of Nursing Service, Baker Memorial: left to right, Mrs. Newcomb, Lorraine Pompanek, Patricia Hogan, Pauline Tibbetts.

The Team Plan in Nursing

The team plan program is directed toward establishing a feeling of security in the staff nurse who comes here to learn the team plan. It is believed that if she is well oriented to our situation and motivated to the leadership role, she will develop self-confidence and leadership ability. The first three weeks are spent in a thorough orientation. During this period, she meets and talks with the Director of the school and her assistants about the professional student nurse program, with the Director of the attendant nurse program, with the Supervisor of clinical instruction, the Baker Admitting Officer, and others. She attends demonstrations of various kinds, including crutch walking, special orthopedic exercises, and oxygen equipment. She attends classes, sometimes with the professional student nurses, which include urological diagnostic procedures and routines, neurological procedures and routines, discussion of patients with various diseases, and in general any informative material which is thought to be of interest and help to her.

Following the orientation period, she is assigned to a floor and becomes a team member, continuing to attend classes made available to her. Gradually she assumes the leadership role under supervision and eventually becomes a team leader.

While we are glad to have these nurses remain with us, as the first class has, the objective of the program is to spread the use of the team plan, which makes possible more effective use of all nursing personnel and tends to develop a more harmonious and satisfying relationship among all groups engaged in caring for the sick.

M. G. H. Wedding

Mr. Fred Foster, Administrative Resident, and Miss Eleanor Wright, nurse in the Overnight Ward, were married in the hospital Chapel on December 22 by Chaplain James Burns.

Bouquets From Our Patients

Dr. Clark would like to share with you a few of the letters which he has received from patients:

"As I leave the Storrow House, I wish to express my deep appreciation for the care I have been given while a patient here. Everyone has been most kind and helpful, even beyond the call of duty. It is my first hospital experience but never again shall I dread to come should the necessity arise. Thank you one and all."

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"My stay at this hospital has proved to be a very satisfactory one. The personnel whom I had the pleasure of coming in contact with were very competent, cooperative and friendly—which helps to build up a patient's morale — when they aren't feeling very well physically. Thanks to you all."

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"I have nothing but praise for the service I received from Doctors, Nurses, and all Personnel, and I left with the feeling that everyone was interested in me as an individual and not just another case."

Suggestion Award

Mr. Leonard Horne, Medical Records, received $10 for suggesting that Clinic records be tied with elastic bands rather than twine when being transferred to their respective clinics, thus making a neater bundle and saving money.

Mrs. Newcomb greets the second group of team leaders in the Baker Memorial: left to right, Marguerite Barbaso, Madeline Murphy, Marjorie Keller, Monique Comtois, Leona Thibeault, Beatrice Rosinski.

PHOTOGRAPHIC CONTEST

Class II. "State Capitol" submitted by Mrs. Stella Occkowski, R.N., Nursing School Office.

Housekeeping

In recent editions, it seems that a great deal of time has been spent welcoming new members of the department. This edition will be no exception as we all extend a hearty welcome to the new Housekeeping Secretary, Miss Nancy Koufer, and the new Foreman of the White Building, Mr. Robert Scott. Miss Koufer comes to us from California and calls Panama her home. It is a wonder to all just how she has landed in Boston. Mr. Scott, however, started life in Ohio, but the call to fame and fortune has drawn him to our fair city.

Long since overlooked in the M.G.H. as a whole, and in Housekeeping especially, is the fine assortment of musical talent. In the Bulfinch Building, for example, Mr. Golembiowski is an outstanding pianist; while in the Vincent-Burnham, a recent addition to the M.G.H. family, Mr. Richard Malik, is a concert violinist, currently with the Civic Symphony Orchestra of Boston. Not to be overlooked in the panorama of sharps and flats is Mr. Edwin Stevens, Supervisor in the Bulfinch Building, who on many occasions has rendered memorable selections on the flute.

Perhaps in the years to come, M.G.H. will be able to offer to Boston the first Symphony Orchestra comprised totally of hospital employees. This perhaps seems outlandish but not altogether impossible if undertaken properly.

Miss Storke Retires

Miss Louise D. Storke, hostess at the Baker Information desk, retired in Demember. Her co-workers honored her at a tea in the Supervisors' Dining Room on December 30.

Miss Storke was with the hospital since 1930—more than 22 years of faithful service. At present, she is enjoying the first stage of her retirement in Florida visiting friends.

Her successor is Mrs. Frances Nagle.

Just For Fun

The twins had been brought to the church to be christened.

"What names?" asked the clergyman.

"Steak and Kidney," the father answered.

"Bill, you fool," cried the mother, "it's Kate and Sidney."

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Sunday School Teacher: "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife turned to salt."

Little Willie: "What happened to the flea?"

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Salesman: I say, sonny, is your mother at home?

Small Boy: Yes, sir.

Salesman (after long period of vain knocking): I thought you said she was home.

Small Boy: Yes, sir, but I don't live here.

Miss Phrae Hernan, Credit & Collection Department, was recently appointed to the Board of Directors of the Boston Retail Credit Women's Association.

Miss Beatrice Simmons, secretary in the Social Service Department, has been invited to tour Holland, Belgium, and France in April as the guest of Elsa Dibbets of Holland. Miss Dibbits was a nurse at the M.G.H. for a short time in 1952.

Class II. "Morse Museum, N. H." submitted by Barbara Mikita, Phillips House.

ABOUT FOLKS

Eye and Ear Infirmary

Long white gloves, stiff shirts, ball gowns, crinoline petticoats are very much in Infirmary conversation these February days. There's the usual grumbling over missing cuff links, tight slippers, dresses that no longer "quite" hook. All the excitement is caused by the Valentine Dance, which will be held on Friday evening, February 13, at the University Club.

The Dance, to which all of the Hospital personnel, the Visiting Staff, the Board of Managers, and Ladies' Visiting Committee, have been invited, promises to be a very pleasant evening. Dress will be semiformal—ladies in evening gowns and the gentlemen in business suits or tuxedos, as they prefer. George Graham's popular band has been engaged for the night. Tickets are priced at $4.80 a couple.

Patrons and patronesses of the dance include: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hixon Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Francis S. Hill, Dr. and Mrs. Edwin B. Dumphy, Dr. and Mrs. LeRoy A. Schall, and Dr. and Mrs. Varaztad H. Kazanjian.

The Christmas holidays at the Eye and Ear were particularly festive this season. Much praise must go to Mrs. Patricia Huddleston, Occupational Therapy Director, and her Program Committee—Mr. Roscoe Adams, Mrs. Grace Lucey, Miss Phyllis Brown, Miss Dorothy Ghiesllini and Mrs. Virginia Gerould.

Mrs. Huddleston, with Mrs. Geneva Wayland, Assistant Director, planned Christmas decorations for the Infirmary many weeks ahead. This was not an easy assignment, since all materials had to be fireproof, but colorful and imaginative ornaments were worked out for every floor. Mrs. Barbara Tomaszewski, Nursing Aide, made a real "Hansel and Gretal" candy house for the children in the Nursery.

A choral group was formed under the direction of Dr. Henry Allen, and during the Christmas week, sang carols throughout the wards and in the main rotunda.

On December 22, the Christmas Party for the entire Infirmary was held in the Cafeteria. Special invitations and programs had been designed and prepared by the Secretaries' Office for the party. Entertainment began with carol selections offered by the Choral Group, accompanied on the piano by Dr. Allen. Later in the afternoon, a group of familiar Christmas pieces was presented by an instrumental ensemble composed of staff doctors and friends of the Infirmary.

A feature of the program was the Residents' contribution — short but poignant. A dramatic skit ON DUTY was presented to an enthusiastic audience. Stars in the drama were Doctors John Ragan, Robert Leavelle, and Earle Rice. The gentlemen were very ably assisted by Miss Dorothy Linden and Miss Dorothy Pierce. Dr. Charles Reagan was Master of Ceremonies.

Perhaps the biggest "hit" of this party — and for that matter of any Christmas party — was Santa Claus. In this case, Santa had brought his wife; and Mr. and Mrs. Claus—Miss Dorothy Tarbox and Miss Henrietta Olsen—brought down the house.

After the Clauses had distributed their presents, it was time for refreshments — candy favors, punch, cookies, and chocolate and strawberry sundaes. An afternoon to eat, drink, and be merry.

On Christmas day, a dinner, complete with turkey, cranberry sauce and all the good things, was served in the Eye and Ear Cafeteria and on the patient floors. Though over and past now, it was a very merry holiday. Each person's effort cannot be mentioned individually, but everyone at the hospital helped in making the Christmas season a happy occasion.

Dietary Tidbits

Christmas in the Dietary Department was the customary busy friendly time—filled with the usual routine, plus the many special parties. Some of our old friends—Elizabeth Butchart, formerly White Kitchen Evening Cook, Louise Clossen, who was in General Hospital Patients' Food Service, Catherine Goudey and Lillian Patterson, who were in Baker Memorial Patients' Food Service, and Hans Haselwander, who was Baker Memorial Chef before his retirement—pleased us with their Christmas greetings.

There have been some changes made in our Department. Albert Averett has been promoted from Chef's Helper to Second Cook in Baker Memorial. Lottie Gordon in Bulfinch is a Diet Aide now. Leonessa Powell of General Hospital Patients' Food Service has transferred to Baker X-ray; and Pearl Solomon, also of General Hospital Patients' Food Service, has transferred to the Ward Helpers in the Nursing Service.

Helena Marshall of East Dining Room and Nurses' Cafeteria has recovered from her illness and is able to be back on duty.

Marion Lomasney of Baker Memorial had a two weeks' vacation in Florida this month.

Cupid had a little chore to perform for Dietary on Christmas Day. Patricia Gorman, one of our cashiers in Nurses' Cafeteria, was married in Haverhill to Joseph Gulli. We wish them joy and happiness.

Our Cafeterias are busy food service units where more than 3,200 meals are served every day. The East Cafeteria prides itself on another distinction, too. With the exception of two welcome newcomers, each of the staff there will have Hospital Service Pins by next Ether Day. That is why, when "Alumni" return to visit M.G.H. they usually stop to say "Hello" to Blanche Bassett, Marion Gilligan, Charles Kavanaugh, Frances Needham, Florence MacKinnon, Helen McNamara, Annie Norton, Madeline O'Meara, Annie Sullivan, and Florence Taylor.

General Nursing

We are happy to welcome the following male hospital aides in General Nursing: Mr. G. Linscott, Bulfinch 3, Mr. F. Palmer, White 5B, Mr. D. O'Driscoll, White 10, Mr. R. Wheeler and Mr. W. P. Dorsey, Night Duty, Mr. G. Berry, Bulfinch 7, Mr. L. Pacifico, Emergency Ward, Mr. B. Taylor and Mr. F. Gordy, White 6, and Mr. W. Bismore, Operating Room.

We are glad to see Mr. Powell back on duty after his recent illness.

Mr. Leon McLean, formerly relief man in the Appliance Room and recently in the Dispatch Service, is now a hospital aide on White 5B.

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TELLS OF MEETING MGH PERSONNEL ON TRIP FOR ARMED FORCES

Dr. Edward Churchill, Chief of Surgical Services, left, and Dr. Paul W. Sanger of North Carolina examine a patient at an 8th Army hospital in Korea. U. S. Army Photograph.

A survey of how our armed forces are caring for their wounded was the major purpose of Dr. Edward Churchill's recent trip around the globe. He also obtained some first hand information on such diverse matters as troop morale, Korean culture, U.N. cooperation in Korea, and even got a glimpse of the role being played by former MGH personnel now on duty in Japan and Korea.

The MGH Chief of Surgical Services straddled the globe as special consultant to the Surgeon-General of the United States in a trip which lasted from the first take-off at San Francisco on January 6th, to his final landing at Westover Field in Springfield on February 23rd. In between, he managed to stop in Japan, Korea, Okinawa, Formosa, the Philippine Islands, India, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Greece, Italy, Germany, and the Azores.

In Japan and Korea, Dr. Churchill met Dr. Jim Davis who was assistant resident in surgery here at MGH, and Dr. Roger Wilcox, another former resident in surgery. In Bankok he saw Dr. John Kennedy, and everywhere on the trip he met internists, lab technicians, and many other former MGH people.

Dr. Churchill saw the current application of much of the work he did during World War II when he was Chief Consultant in Surgery for the Mediterranean Theatre of War. Treating chest wounds by leaving them open for four days before suturing, the use of whole blood, and bringing surgeons up to the front lines rather than transporting the patients back to the surgeons are all techniques used by him and his colleagues during the last war.

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Operetta Scheduled For April 15th-16th

Then give three cheers and one cheer more, for the hearty singers who'll do "Pinafore"! And save some extra plaudits for the cast of Gilbert and Sullivan's "Trial by Jury" as well, for this year's MGH Operetta Company is presenting a double header. The popular two-act "Pinafore" will be preceded by the single act "Trial by Jury", on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, April 15th and 16th, at 8:30 p.m. The operettas will be held again this year at the Elizabeth Peabody Playhouse on Charles Street. Miss Margot Warner will direct the production again this year.

Principals in the cast of "Pinafore" include: dietician Marjorie Davis as Josephine, Dr. John Ragan of the Eye and Ear Infirmary as Ralph, Baker nurse Alice Rex as Buttercup, Louis Davis from Emergency Ward as Dick Deadeye, Dick Rogers from Bulfinch 7 and 8 as the Captain, and Steve Corsaro from the Barbershop as the boatswain. Marie Cumming, Out-Patient cashier, plays Hebe, and the boatswain's mate will be done by John Farrell, Baker orderly. James Lyons, also a Baker orderly, will be the carpenter, while Sir Joseph will be played by Peter Terry who is lending his talents to the MGH singers.

The leads in "Trial by Jury" will

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A Rich Man's Hospital?

At a legislative hearing recently, it was said by an opponent of the measure that the Massachusetts General had become a rich man's hospital, to which the poor cannot afford to go. This seemed to us a most unfair statement. The hospital's attitude is still one of compassion for the sick, as the writer well knows, being one of those to whom financial questions in connection with applications for admission are often referred. For while hospital rates are higher than in past years — this is true of all hospitals—so that payment of his entire bill is beyond the capacity of many a patient, a man who manages to support his family but hardly more when he is well can still turn to this hospital for help when one of the family becomes ill. We will consider his circumstances in deciding how much of his bill we shall expect him to pay and what part of it he should receive as free services. Free to him, that is, for it is an inescapable economic law that whatever is free to one, another must pay for somehow. In our case the million dollars a year (usually more, but this way of estimating it will do for editorial purposes) of free service is paid for in part by income the trustees receive from the hospital's invested funds, in part by the Community Fund (quarter of a million), and the rest from the hospital's capital. Spending one's capital for running expenses is not so good, but up to now philanthropic minded people have remembered us in their wills, and the fresh money has kept up with the loss so well that the capital hasn't actually diminished. How long this state of affairs can be expected to last no one would venture to predict. But there is a limit to the "free" service we can pay for, and we have to rely on patients to do as well as they can on their bills. The most difficult part of all this is to decide what they really can do.

In another column letters have appeared, from time to time, from expatients in appreciation of the kindness shown them by various members of our personnel, ranging from doctors and nurses to the cheerful woman who swept the room. This month the administration is taking its turn for a bow with a letter from a patient's widow who was notified that the tab for his expenses will be picked up by the philanthropic money just mentioned. I am sure no "World" reader will have difficulty in recalling others whose appearance might have suggested that the hospital was helping them over a rough spot. How can anyone of us fail to feel a glow of pride over belonging to an outfit which embodies not only healing, but compassion.

For a number of years the writer has had occasion to explain to patients or relatives the hospital's official attitude toward money, and for purposes of getting his point across in a way which is easy to understand and easy to remember has reduced it to a sort of slogan. So here it is, and it is a good answer to the crack about "Rich Man's Hospital":

"If you've got it, we want it; if you haven't, we will take care of you just the same."

C.L.C.

"Dear Dr. ———,

Your letter of February 18th received and contents noted.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your very gracious consideration on my behalf.

In these times of strife and struggle, consideration such as yours in my behalf is greatly appreciated by me.

I can go forth with more confidence, tolerance, fortitude and Faith for my future, as in God I trust. God bless your work.

Gratefully yours,"

ON GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 3 THERE WILL BE A SHORT MEDITATION SERVICE IN THE CHAPEL AT ONE O'CLOCK

Meet The Editor

Starting with this issue, Miss Dolores Lubell will be the Editor of The World. Miss Lubell may be found in the Personnel Office and she will welcome any material or ideas for stories as well as any general suggestions concerning the paper.

Bouquets From Our Patients

Dr. Clark would like to share with you a few of the letters which he has received from patients:

"I received the very best attention and will always remember those first two or three days when it seemed there was a student nurse or a registered nurse in my room doing something for me at least every 15 minutes, day and night. It was wonderful. Also the days that followed I received the very best of care. The food was excellent. The student nurses and registered nurses were outstanding in every way."

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"Everyone at the hospital has been wonderful — the care was of the best. The lack of a feeling of institutionalism and strict schedule pleased me most. The hospital really has a heart and seems to stress the individual over rules and regulations. The meals were swell. It's certainly heaven to know there's such a place as this when it's needed."

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"I have been in this hospital for the past two weeks and I truthfully can say it is a wonderful hospital. The doctors are always on the alert and so are the nurses. They know their stuff. Wonderful cooperation. This is a hospital I will recommend to anybody 100%.

"P.S. Excellent food."

KOREA

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"Morale was excellent everywhere," he said. "We saw at first hand the vast undertaking of this country throughout the world, not solely as preparation for war, but as an overall program of strengthening backward countries and bringing the world together as United Nations."

Dr. Churchill saw our policies on the whole as sound. He pointed out that we have a difficult task of stimulating other nations to do things for themselves, but nevertheless progress is being made in creating an awareness of the need for self-help as well as direct aid. "The undertaking of this country is far greater than defending 150 miles of battlefield in Korea," he stated. "We are undertaking a long range responsibility everywhere."

The role of the military in this program is a crucial one, according to Dr. Churchill, since the army sets up the facilities which will be used by other experts who follow.

The contributions of other United Nations Forces were observed by Dr. Churchill. Troops of all nations are seen throughout Korea. The South Koreans are being aided in setting up their own hospital facilities as they take over more of the front line positions with their own troops.

Dr. Churchill reviewed the advances he observed in the treatment of the wounded, particularly some of the new techniques being employed in surgery. New types of protective armor have resulted in a reduction of chest and abdominal wounds, and have minimized the number of fatalities from long range bullets and shells.

The increased use of antibiotics and the larger doses being administered are also helping to cut down the results of casualties. Wounds of the large arteries have been treated more successfully by sewing them together and using vein grafts to bridge the gaps instead of tying them off as was done in the past.

Long metal rods inserted down the marrow cavity of fractured bones has replaced the use of heavy casts in many instances.

Dr. Churchill also mentioned that post traumatic kidney insufficiencies are responding to new techniques. Dietary methods of treatment and the use of the artificial kidney were cited as techniques he saw employed.

Modern transportation methods are also part of the picture. Bumpy ambulance rides over poor roads are eliminated wherever possible by using heliocopters to remove the wounded from field stations back to hospitals.

In summing up conditions in Korea as he saw them, Dr. Churchill said, "What is hard about Korea is not the climate or the mountainous terrain, but the loneliness about it insofar as human contacts are concerned." The American soldier has little understanding of the completely different culture of the Korean people, and so he is forced to rely on his own resources for entertainment and companionship when he is not on duty. But as wartime conditions go, our boys are comfortable, and every effort is being made to give them the best that can be provided for them.

Dr. Edward Churchill (in the dark clothes) observes his former MGH resident, Dr. Roger Wilcox (back to camera) operating at a Korean hospital. U. S. Army Photograph.

OPERETTA

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be handled by the following: Rosemarie Best from X-Ray will be the plaintiff; Louis Davis, the usher; James Lyons, the foreman of the jury; Dick Rogers, the judge; and Mr. Terry and Frank Powers will again be supplementing MGH personnel in the roles of counsel and defendent, respectively.

With past performances as an indication, this should be an outstanding production, so mark those dates of April 15th and 16th on your calendar. Tickets will be sold by members of the cast and also in the Personnel Office. Plan now to take your families and friends to a night at the MGH Operetta on either the 15th or 16th of April.

New Pathology Lab Planned

The new Pathology Laboratory is now in the planning stage, and construction should begin as soon as the plans are completed, according to General Director, Dr. Dean A. Clark.

Expected changes include the extension of the wing toward Charles Street out from the Baker Memorial Building and the elimination of Ward E (formerly the Children's Ward), now used to house the Dermatology labs. The provision of a Charles Street entrance for Baker Memorial is under discussion for possible incorporation in the plans.

It is hoped that the new building will have facilities for neuropathology as well as pathology.

The new building, which will consist of at least three stories and a basement, will cost approximately one million dollars to build. $750,000 has already been raised.

The old building, opened in 1897, will not be deserted, but will be reconverted to the Maintenance Department to be used for shops. With the completion of the new building and the moving of the shops to the old, the front of the hospital will be free for further construction, possibly as the site for a new ambulatory clinic.

It is hoped to raise funds throughout the greater Boston area in 1954 for such a clinic. The current time schedule calls for the drawing up of plans and the breaking of ground sometime in 1955.

Suggestion Awards

Helen Trayers, Ward Helper, received a $10.00 award for her suggestion that a call bell be placed in the pharmacy of the Out-Patient Department.

In submitting your suggestion, please use the blanks that have been provided. The latter are placed in boxes located near every suggestion box. Suggestions that are adopted will receive awards of up to $10.00, and all ideas will receive consideration. Notices will be returned on all ideas whether or not they are adopted, so be sure to jot down any work or time saving suggestions.

Dr. Clark Appointed Harvard Professor

Dr. Dean A. Clark, General Director, has been appointed Clinical Professor of Preventive Medicine at Harvard Medical School.

A leading public health authority, Dr. Clark was Medical Director of the Health Insurance Plan of Greater New York before coming to the M.G.H. in 1949.

While continuing his hospital work, he will instruct students at the Medical School in preventive medicine and will assist in the teaching of the social aspects of medicine and medical economics.

OT Personnel Changes

Miss Louise Rathbone, who has been on the Occupational Therapy Staff since January 1946 resigned on March first to join the staff of the Occupational Therapy Department at the Roosevelt Hospital in New York City.

Miss Rathbone had been Supervisor of the MGH OT Department in recent years.

She has been replaced by Mrs. Irma Cohen who formerly worked at the Community Workshops and joined our staff last September.

Emily Jackson

Miss Emily Jackson, one of our graduates in 1952, and a staff nurse in the Baker Operating Room died on Sunday, March 15th. She had been a patient in the hospital for several weeks and even during her uncomfortable illness, she showed more concern for others than herself, a quality which had been consistent in her unswerving work and in her contacts with her co-workers.

Nancy Glenn jots down a bright idea for the Suggestion Box.

Help Beat The Cost Of Living

The Personnel Office has arranged for MGH employees to receive substantial discounts on purchases at two stores, one in Boston and one in Cambridge.

Discount cards may be obtained in the Personnel Office. Any employee is eligible and there is no charge for joining. Sign up and save on any of the items listed above.

Following are some of the items which can be bought at a discount in the Cambridge store: General Electric, Crosley, Westinghouse, Frigidaire, Philco, Goodyear, and Firestone products. The discounts will run as follows:

Electrical Appliances	20-25% off
Major Appliances	22-28%
Television Sets	20-35%
Automotive Supplies	25-40%

The store, which is open three nights a week, will extend credit to MGH discount card holders. They remain open until 9:00 p.m.

"The Hand (Isn't) Quicker . . ."

The hand may be quicker than the eye, but John Hague of the Upper Store can tell you that it is definitely not quicker than any automobile fan belt. Mr. Hague who has been at MGH for thirty years repeated what he called an axiom of safety; "Never touch the fan belt," as he described his accident of February 25th which cost him the tips of two fingers.

"If it serves as a warning to others, I'll be very glad to tell it," he said in reference to his ambulance yard mishap. Looking into the hood of his car to see what was causing it to overheat, Mr. Hague momentarily touched the fan belt while the motor was running. He had noticed that the fan and belt were stationary, and he took the chance that was to cost him the first joints on two fingers of his left hand.

Mr. Hague was back at work the day after his injury convinced that the danger of accidents cannot be over-exaggerated and that we must not gamble at work, at home, and particularly not with fan belts.

The Boston firm offers the following discounts:

	Retail	to MGH Employees
Toastmaster Toaster	$23.00	$16.50
G.E. Steam Iron	18.95	13.50
G.E. Vacuum Cleaner	89.95	58.50
Shick "20" Shaver	24.50	15.95
Benrus "Citation" Watch	71.50	42.90
Mixer	46.50	32.95
Revere Movie Camera		33-1/3 off
Smith-Corona Silent Portable Typewriter	100.37	74.37

Some 4-A members sketching under the direction of Miss Viden.

The Arty Set

"Artistic Activity, Un-Limited," might well be the nickname of the 4-A's, officially known as the American Amateur Artists Association. Since its organization in October, the MGH group has gotten its collective fingers dirty with such media as water color, oil, pastels, and many more.

About fifty M.G.H. employees meet every Thursday evening from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m. in the Doctors' Dining Room which is divided into sections devoted to certain branches of art, depending upon demand and the availability of instructors.

"You do not have to be able to draw a straight line to have fun in this art class," Miss Anna Viden of the Nursing Department reports. Miss Viden, one of the art experts, advises would-be amateurs to choose their medium, get supplies, and join in. The Personnel Office has lists of the supplies needed for the various classes.

A group of thirty beginners is instructed by Robert Small from the Museum School of Fine Arts, so real amateurs can be assured of instruction in the basic fundamentals of art.

Another group of about eight or ten members works in oils under the direction of Miss Alberta Sills, a graduate of the Massachusetts School of Art. Miss Sills works at MGH in the X-Ray Tumor Clinic.

Another group is instructed in water colors by John Desley, a student of the School of Medical Illustration and a graduate of the Vesper George School. Water colors have lured a number of doctors, among them, Dr. Teruyoshi Hashiba, a surgeon from Japan who is here on a fellowship.

Pencil sketching and pastels are taught by Miss Viden who studied her sketching under Frank Ryan's guidance at the Boston Center for Adult Education. Miss Viden also includes oils among her artistic skills.

A student in Medical Art, Nicholas Mackovak from Fordham, Columbia, and the Art Students League of N. Y. leads the small group working on jewelry, while a student nurse group studies copper work with Astrid Gruner, hairdresser in the beauty parlor.

A class in ceramics has been requested, and it is hoped to raise $200 for a kiln and other necessary supplies. If the kiln can be obtained, it is hoped to make it available for patients through cooperation between the Occupational Therapy Department and the 4-A's.

A fee of 25 cents per evening is collected by Miss Helen Church, organization treasurer and counselor for student nurses. The A.A.A.A. general fund provides coffee at nine o'clock and assumes the expense of printing notices to members.

General direction of the program is provided by Mrs. Muriel McLatchie Miller, head of the Medical Art Department and Director of the School of Medical Illustration.

ABOUT FOLKS

Eye and Ear

The date for the traditional Rummage Sale of the Ladies Visiting Committee has been set. Mrs. Varaztad H. Kazanjian, Chairman of the LVC, announced that the Sale will be held at Horticultural Hall, on April 13 and 14 from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. Profits from the Rummage Sale will benefit the Eye and Ear.

Members of the Infirmary have always been good purchasers at the Rummage Sale, but the Ladies Visiting Committee hopes that this year Infirmary personnel will be equally interested in contributing rummage.

The first contributions for the April Sale came in on Wednesday morning, March 18, when a "bundle party" was held from 10 to 11 A.M. in the Surgeons' Parlor. All of the hospital had been cordially invited and the special admission ticket was a rummage bundle—large or small.

Anyone who wishes to contribute further to the Sale, or who could not bring rummage items to the party, may leave a bundle at the Nurses' Residence, 14 Embankment Road. Furniture and similar large articles, too bulky for trolley transportation, can be picked up. Call Miss Evelyn Bateman at Dr. Kazanjian's office. The number is KEnmore 6-2050.

On Monday afternoon, April 13, Infirmary personnel will have a special preview of the Rummage Sale, before it is open to the general public. The Sales have always been most successful. Proceeds of former years have made possible such items as the new anesthesia machine in the Ear, Nose and Throat OR and more recently a new x-ray machine.

So scout about in back closets, give as much as you can to the Rummage Drive, and come to the Annual Sale!

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Mrs. Grace Lucey, Head of the Dietary Department, resigned from her position on January 31. Mrs. Lucey had been director of the Department for two and one-half years. A "good-bye and best wishes" party was given for her on Friday, January 30.

Miss Nancy Newcomb is the new Dietary Department Head. Miss Newcomb has worked at the Infirmary for over two years, first as a Therapeutic Dietitian and then as Assistant Administrative Dietitian. She is a graduate of Ohio-Wesleyan University and took her dietetic internship at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital.

Housekeeping

Since the last edition of the "World," the MGH Family has been fortunate to enjoy what is commonly termed a "long week end." This, of course, was due to Washington's Birthday being celebrated on Monday, February 23. Mention is made of this since one of Housekeeping's own, Mr. Robert May, Supervisor of the White Building, made excellent use of the additional time off by spending a few days with his wife in New York City. Although Boston is considered a large city, we always think of New York as "The Big City," and Mr. May's recounting of his trip was most enjoyable and to say the least caused a little envious reaction among those hearing of it.

With the sweet comes the bitter (or something like that), so we must wish a speedy recovery and return to work to Peter Berry of Bulfinch Housekeeping. Despite his many years, Peter is a bit of a marvel due to his excellent state of preservation. Also, he has been in these parts, MGH, more years than your writer is old, so that makes him somewhat of a permanent fixture. Peter has the best wishes of his many friends to help him on that road to recovery.

As an added feature, Housekeeping would like to acknowledge the fine cooperation it has received from other departments throughout the hospital. Therefore, a section of this article will be set apart each edition to make mention of these departments and to show by example the fine interdepartmental harmony which exists. So thus, we of Housekeeping extend a hearty thanks and a special vote of confidence to the Laundry and Linen Control. On numerous occasions, Mr. Rood and his staff have been most cooperative in helping Housekeeping improve the should be appearance of our buildings — with the speedy return of clean cubicle curtains, supplying necessary refuse bags for both linen and waste, and many other essential items which add a great deal to the overall condition of these buildings. It goes, then, without saying, that our appreciation is deep and well founded.

Dietary Tidbits

Our busy department — busy serving over six thousand meals daily— still keeps on the alert for new and good ideas and better methods. We are a member of the Massachusetts Restaurant Association, which has just held its 32nd Annual Conference in Boston. In connection with this conference there was a dinner and an interesting meeting at the H. A. Johnson Co. Chef Tom Connolly, Frank Campanella, Ernie Kahn, John (Red) Butler and Bob Butler of White Kitchen; Chef Tony Martinez and George Ferretti of Baker; and Chef John Evans of Eye and Ear attended.

Several members of our Department are cooperating in the class program for Dietetic Interns. This semester, demonstrations in their own work in the dietary department are being given by Albert Averett, Frank Campanella, Kit Carson, George Ferretti, Jim Horner, Olive Kelly, Madeline O'Meara, Don Perry, Billy Prentice, and Walter Wilson.

Kenneth Weyand, in charge of the dishroom, which is such a credit to our Department and to our hospital, was with a group that recently inspected a Hobart Installation at the Metropolitan State Hospital.

We are glad that Henry Frankenberger, John Oakes, and Mike Prezioso who were ill, are back with us again. John and Mike had a bout with pneumonia. Walter Higgins of the Dishroom has been ill a long time. He is not able to come back yet, but we had a telephone message stating that he is improving.

Chef Connolly's son, Tom, has joined the United States Marine Corps and is pretty busy in basic training. Eddie Dell'Orfano of the Food Store has gone into the Army.

Shirley Bogan has a new assignment. She is a Diet Aide in the General Hospital. Kit Carson has returned from his trip to Florida with the usual enviable tan.

Louis Giangrande, Head Baker, has resigned. Louis was with us fifteen years. We are sorry to see him leave and wish him luck.

OPD News

To many of our patients, doctors, and fellow-employees, Bea Kanter and the Medical Clinic OPD are synonymous. Miss Kanter after a period of thirteen years' service tendered her resignation—not from MGH but to transfer to another part of our large institution. Things like this make way for a party, and Miss Kanter's co-workers came up with one on Friday, February 27, and presented her with a gift of a lovely scarab bracelet as a token of their good will and to wish her luck in her new position.

Mrs. Norma Maguire, also an employee of many years, was given a party on Friday, February 27, by the Admitting, Cashiers, Optical, and Pharmacy Departments of the OPD. To start Mrs. Maguire off in the right direction in her new position, in the MGH Blood Bank, a Parker 51 pen and pencil set was given to her as a daily reminder of the OPD.

Changes in the OPD Personnel — Mrs. Hemmerlin transferred from the Record Room to Medical Clinic by way of Nerve Clinic; Miss Lillian Longarini to replace Mrs. Harris who resigned in the G. U. Clinic; Miss Irene Doherty, full-time Children's Medical Clinic Secretary; Miss Constance Davy transferred from the Eye & Ear to full-time Psychiatric Clinic Secretary to replace Miss Tillinghast who had resigned; Mrs. Anna Gandolfo to replace Mrs. Morgan in the Diabetic Clinic who resigned because of health reasons.

General Nursing

The former Miss Joan Farrell of Carvondale, Pennsylvania, from the Eye and Ear Infirmary, was married to Mr. Max Hoerres of Milwaukee, on October 18, 1952. Mr. Hoerres is a Hospital Aide on Bulfinch 3. Mr. and Mrs. Hoerres honeymooned in New York, Chicago, and Milwaukee. They are now living in Boston.

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Mr. George Linscott, formerly of Bulfinch 3, is now working in the Phillips House Operating Room.

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The following employees have recently completed a course of instruction for Hospital Aides under the direction of Miss Bickford:

Mrs. Jacqueline Carter
Miss Helen Consodine
Mrs. Gladys Davis
Mrs. Guielma Di Pinto
Mrs. Marjorie Kelly
Miss Annabelle Monteiro
Mr. Denis O'Driscoll
Mr. Frederick Palmer
Mrs. Eileen Piantedosi
Mrs. Mary Riley
Mrs. Mildred Roby

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APRIL 27-MAY 1 SET FOR CREDIT UNION MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

"The Credit in Your Future, Is Your Savings of the Past" Adopted as Slogan For Campaign

Arrangements have been completed to make Monday, April 27 through Friday, May 1, Credit Union Week, according to Mr. Harold Emerich, Credit Union Treasurer, and Assistant Comptroller of the hospital. During this week, the Credit Union office, Baker 2, will be open all day for applications, in addition to the usual one-to-five hours on Thursdays. Posters will be on display to highlight the drive.

The Credit Union was started in 1950 as a corporation under Massachusetts law, and it has grown steadily to its present membership of over 358 members. The organization's objectives are "solely for the promotion of thrift among its members by the accumulation of their savings in small amounts and the loaning of such accumulations to its members for provident purposes," according to the By-Laws of the group.

The present capitalization of the Credit Union is $46,000. It is hoped to go over the $50,000 mark with the new members who are expected to join during the drive.

An entrance fee of 25¢ is all that is required at the time of joining, but applicants must buy one share of stock costing $5.00 before they are voted in as full members. This stock may be paid for, by the payroll deduction method, over a period of time.

This month's editorial on page 2 deals with the savings aspect of the Credit Union, and in accordance with the organization's objectives, it is hoped to make the Union a convenient vehicle for the savings of M.G.H. employees.

One dividend a year is paid on savings; that in October of 1952 paid at 2½% interest. It is hoped to be able to pay 3% in the future as the organization expands. Mr. Emerich pointed out that most commercial savings

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Credit Union members examine books. Mrs. Olive Hawkins, Supervisor of Hospital Aides and Ward Helpers in the General Hospital looks over the shoulder of Mr. Harold Emerich, Credit Union Treasurer, and Assistant Comptroller of the hospital. Left to right in the back row are Mrs. Alice Harrington, Chief Telephone Operator; Miss Mary Paone, Record Room; Mrs. Frances Hennessey, Baker 7; Miss Evlynne MacMaster, Executive Secretary in the Comptroller's Office; and Mrs. Evelyn Mobilia, nurse on Baker 3.

Miss Sleeper To Represent U. S. At Geneva Meeting

Miss Ruth Sleeper, Director of the School of Nursing and Nursing Service, has been appointed an official United States delegate to the United Nations annual Health Assembly to be held in Geneva, Switzerland from May 1-24 under the auspices of the World Health Organization. The W. H. O., a special organization of the U. N., is composed of some seventy nations whose representatives will discuss world health problems in the famous Palace of Nations Building.

Miss Sleeper who attended the As-

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Open House Marks Bartlett Hall Opening Date

Bartlett Hall, the new nurses' home, will open on April 29 with an open house for which invitations are being issued. On Thursday, April 30, between 10:00 and 12:00, all hospital personnel are invited to a special open house to celebrate the opening. Refreshments will be served both days.

The dedication exercises on the 29th will be presided over by trustee John Lawrence, Chairman of the Committee on the General Hospital School of Nursing. Other speakers will include Mrs. Robert Homans, trustee, Dr. Dean A. Clark, and Miss Ruth Sleeper.

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You Can Afford It!

More and more these days we hear people talking about what they can "afford." In street cars and busses, in offices and factories, in government and in hospitals, men and women spend considerable time each day talking about the things which they expect their money to buy for them.

Food, shelter, clothing, insurance, are all part of what a paycheck must provide. They are the things which all of us must "afford." Sometimes we feel that after these things have been attended to, there isn't very much left for something else upon which so very much depends—saving for the future. That is why it is important to save **before** you spend anything from your salary. That is why you should save through the convenient, systematic, M.G.H. Credit Union Payroll Deduction Plan.

You can afford to save! When you put aside a small part of your current income in this way, you are building steadily toward a secure and stable-future, not only for yourself, but for all your family as well. It is well to do all you can now in your productive years, to take care of your old age, to plan ahead for your children's education. Therefore, put aside that "little something" which can be so comforting to have on hand when an emergency strikes. You are making it possible for yourself, some day, to own a home or a little business, or to spend some time just loafing.

When you save where you work, you take the first important step. Read carefully the story on the M.G.H Credit Union, and sign up for the Payroll Deduction Plan during the week of April 27-May 1. It will be a step in the direction of security for your future.

Bouquets From An Employee

Instead of our usual feature, Bouquets From Our Patients, we are printing this month, a paper written by one of our telephone operators, Grace Sterritt, who has been at M.G.H. for 21 years. Miss Sterritt was encouraged to write down her feelings about the hospital by one of the patients with whom she had occasion to speak. The patient thought her words had a message for all of us who work in the hospital, and we are printing them because we feel that this kind of spirit makes possible, the bouquets we receive from grateful patients:

"Born within a stone's throw from it, growing up around it, playing outside the ivy-covered walls, then eventually going to work there—to me it has been most of my life.

The drama and pathos hold for me a fascination that I think is likened to the feeling an actress or actor has for the theatre. To stand high up on top of this one of many buildings each night and feel the magic of the sunset or, later, the skyline from across the river with the twinkling lights . . . the feeling of compassion for sick ones . . . the soul-filling of the wondrous magnificence of God's handiwork—this is to me the epitome of experience.

All these things we feel, but seldom give expression to. Then, there is our contact with the voices of the people, all kinds of people. The worried folks, cross ones, anxious and sometimes rather silly ones, but all people. The feeling of our better natures when we have been able to help a grateful relative, a worried mother assured about her child, upset children, their minds eased a bit. These are the rewards we don't often tell about, but they are rewards nevertheless.

Then there are the doctors whom you have known when they were medical students, and now they're at the top and they rely on your taking messages for them from their wives, or their oft-frenzied secretaries, looking for them in emergencies.

Then, most of all, the feeling when you are sick, and the hospital family really takes over, from the front office to the top, really making you feel as though you mattered.

On looking back through many years, if I were fifteen again and had to start again, I would do it all over, despite the grumbling that I, like others, sometimes do. When we get together and talk reverts to shop, we all have a certain amount of nostalgia for the good old days, but we are really having the good old days now. This is my feeling about the hospital."

Personalities at M.G.H.

"Willis Young and John Davis make fewer mistakes in their jobs as clothes sorters than anyone else doing the same job," according to Arthur Rood, head of the Laundry Department. This would not be exceptional information except that both Young and Davis have been totally blind for several years.

John Davis, blind since 1948, says it feels good to be working again. He credits the Boston Aid to the Blind for giving him the confidence to go out on the streets alone, and also for helping him get his job. He urges hs fellow employees to support the work of the Boston Aid to the Blind as much as they can.

Spare-Time Activities

Mr. Davis' hobbies include leather work, such as making wallets and belts; metal work with ash trays and fruit bowls; and he has learned to type, also at the Division of Aid for the Blind.

Perhaps the activity that means most to him is his study of the Bible, large portions of which he has memorized. He has written for two Bible societies, "The Echo" and "The Gospel Advocate."

When he returns from The Guide Dog Foundation in Forest Hills, New York, Mr. Davis hopes to continue working at M.G.H., and to keep up with his church activities.

Willis Young Returns from Morristown

Willis Young has recently returned from Morristown, New Jersey, where he was trained in using Mac, a two year old German Shepard, as his guide. Mac now accompanies him to work and spends the day sitting close to his master, down in the Laundry, where he is becoming a familiar figure.

Mr. Young came to M.G.H. through the auspices of the Massachusetts State Commission for the Blind, after spending several years at Perkins Institute, where he learned to read Braille. At Perkins, he also began to pick up the education which had been put aside when he became totally blind in 1946. He reports that although it took him only six weeks to learn the basic principles of Braille, he spent a year of hard work studying before

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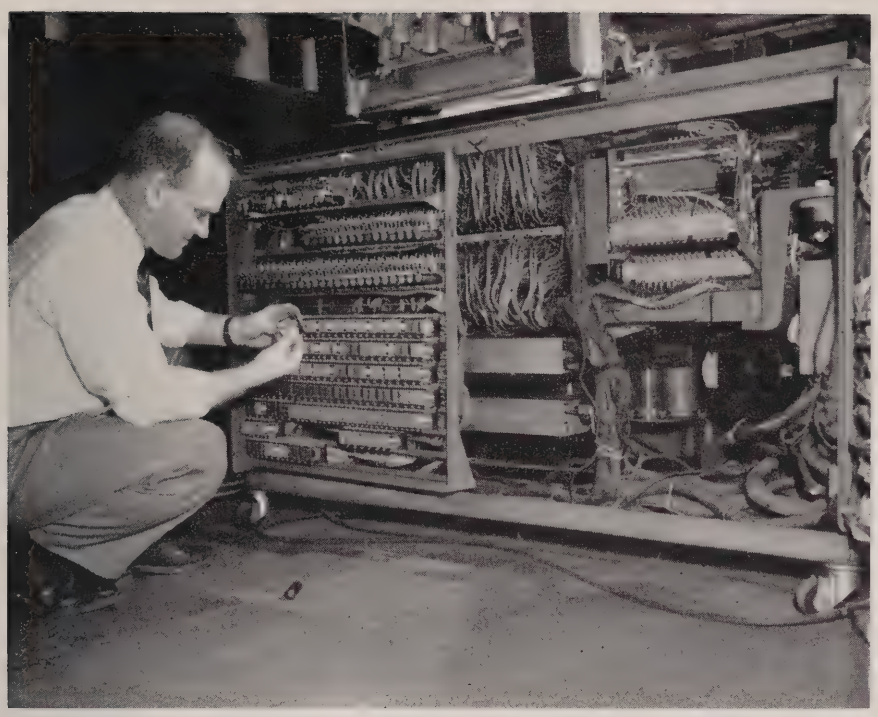

IBM representative Herbert Carter examines a tube from a Tabulating Machine.

"Think" Is Motto For IBM Department

The International Business Machine Company's motto is THINK. Signs reading THINK are prominently displayed in the M.G.H. Tabulating Department in the basement of Baker Memorial where, since 1948, the business of keeping hospital records has been made more modern and efficient through the use of an IBM installation.

The IBM machines located there do the work of tabulating hospital records at a tremendous saving of time and money, but they do only what the operator tells them. Therefore, the sign THINK reminds the eleven employees of the department that they must exercise care and precision so that the machines can do the work of processing detailed information, and compiling necessary statistics, without errors.

The IBM installation is used for work on payroll, accounts-payable, income from patients, general statistics, financial information for reports, and inventories for the Upper Store, Central Supply, and Maintenance.

Mr. A. Martin, who is in charge of the department, reports that there are many possible uses for the installation. Citing the two newest projects of the department, the OPD billing and the recording of all free service rendered by the hospital, as examples, he explained that the more the installation is used, the more economical it becomes in terms of total cost. The detailed reports made by IBM machines are valuable guides to the Administration.

The IBM system is referred to as a Punch Card Accounting System. This involves a number of different procedures and the use of a variety of machines.

The source documents, that is bills, employees' records, and requisition slips are translated from English to codes on cards, which appear as punched holes. This is done on a Key Punch Machine, which looks like a typewriter. There also are machines to verify and check the information to insure its accuracy.

A Reproducing Machine transfers required information from these punched cards to new ones as needed for certain kinds of reports. The number of cards used every four weeks approaches 150,000. This transferring or reproducing is necessary to reduce the number of cards needed for a particular survey.

The Tabulator, or Accounting Machine, which can add or subtract, is fitted with wired boards so that only the information desired will be translated from the punched cards to regular printing again. This is the method by which payroll checks are printed in an average of an hour and ten minutes on Wednesday afternoons. Different combinations of wired boards are set up on permanent panels if they are to be used many times.

Some of the other, more specialized machines include a Caculator, which

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Miss Hernan Honored

Miss Frances M. Hernan, M.G.H. Credit Manager, and Credit Manager of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, has recently been elected president of the Retail Credit Association of Greater Boston. In the forty-six years of its existence, this is the first time that the association has chosen a hospital executive as president, and only the second time a woman has received this honor.

Discount Cards Attract Many

The response to the announcement in last month's "World" of the discount cards available in the Personnel Office, has been overwhelming. Large numbers of M.G.H. employees have obtained cards for two stores, one in Boston and one in Cambridge, where they can buy jewelry, appliances, and automotive supplies at considerable reductions, merely by presenting their cards. These discount cards are still available in the Personnel Office, and may be obtained upon request. Get yours today!

An operator in the Tabulating Department using a Key Punch Machine.

Mr. A. Martin, Chief of the Tabulating Department, inserts one of the wired panels in the Tabulating Machine.

CREDIT UNION

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banks pay interest at a rate of only 1½% on savings.

Loans may be floated by members having paid up shares, on written application to the credit committee, headed by Miss Catherine Yevic. Miss Yevic receives applications in the Personnel Office on Monday afternoons.

Amounts to $100 may be arranged on the borrower's signature if he is a Credit Union member, and loans from $101 to $350 by the signature of the borrower plus that of a co-maker (co-signer) who is employed in the hospital. Loans ranging from $351 to $1000 require the signature of two co-makers.

The interest rate on loans is 5% for amounts secured by funds in the Credit Union. If the loan is covered by money in other savings banks, 5½% interest is charged. The standard rate on signatures to secure loans is 6%. Credit Union interest rates are competitive with commercial rates, and are considerably lower than private loan companies.

Insurance provisions on loans are provided, and if a man holding a loan should die before repayment is complete, the loan is considered paid in full.

Although deposits and loans are governed by the rules stipulated above, it is a Credit Union policy to encourage regularity of savings. The Credit Union is not a checking account and should not be so used.

Members of the credit committee include, in addition to Miss Yevic, Mr. Raymond Kinsman, of Maintenance; Miss Margery Crothers of Social Service; and alternates Hugh Heney of Nursing, and Carroll Smith of the coat room.

The Board of Directors includes: Dr. Ellsworth T. Neumann, President; Mr. Thomas Connolly of Dietary; Mr. Emerich, Dr. Neumann's secretary, Miss Gertrude Devine; Mr. Heney; Mr. Kinsman, Mr. Lawrence Martin, Comptroller of M.G.H.; Miss Louise M. Paolucci. Phillips House cashier; Mr. Smith; Miss Yevic; Mrs. Frances Hennessey of Baker Nursing; Mr. Rosco Adams, of the Eye and Ear Infirmary; Miss Crothers; Miss Gladys Ekman, of the Huntington Laboratory; and Mrs. Olive Hawkins, supervisor of Hospital Aides and Ward Helpers in the General Hospital.

Suggestion Awards

Chaplain James Burns has been awarded $10.00 for suggesting that the low curb at the front entrance be fixed to prevent puddles of water from collecting. Chaplain Burns has generously donated his reward to the Employees' Recreation Fund.

E. MICHAEL WHITE NAMED ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Mr. E. Michael White has been named an Assistant Director, effective March 20. His special concern will be the administration of ambulatory care at M.G.H.

Mr. White, a graduate of Harvard Law School, has been in charge of the Massachusetts General Staff Associates, and he will continue to work with the staff organization in addition to his new responsibilities.

Mr. White was Personnel Director of the Department of Hospitals of the City of New York, Deputy Commissioner of that same department, and Director of Operations for the Health Insurance Plan in New York, before coming to Massachusetts General in 1946.

MGH Represented At New England Hospital Assembly

The New England Hospital Assembly, meeting at the Statler Hotel from March 23-25, was addressed by a number of M.G.H. personnel appearing as speakers and panel members for some of the educational sessions.

Dr. Dean A. Clark served the organization as its president, and he presided over the sessions. Dr. Arthur L. Watkins spoke on rehabilitation work; Mrs. Soma Weiss of Community Relations, spoke on the work of auxiliaries; Miss E. Louise Seymour, Chief Medical Librarian spoke; Mr. John T. Murphy, Chief Pharmacist, was a member of the pharmacy discussion group; and Mr. William J. MacNair, Housekeeping chief, was a panel member on nursing — administration discussion.

Summer Fashion Show Planned

The Nurses' Alumnae Association is sponsoring a Summer Fashion Show on Saturday afternoon, May 16, at 3:30 p.m. in Filene's Dining Room. Proceeds from the show help to provide scholarships for graduate study for alumnae members.

Card games and refreshments will follow the Fashion Show. Tickets may be procured from the Alumnae Secretary in Walcott House, Extension 878, or from Mrs. Wayland and the Eye and Ear Infirmary. They sell for $2.00 each.

After Passover and Easter

Far back in the beginnings of time all men lived in more intimate contact with Mother Earth. The hunger, cold, and suffering of the winter, or rainy season, was the recurrent dread of our ancient forefathers. However at the first soft signs of spring, with its promise of new supplies of food, these men expressed their gratitude to the gods of earth and heaven for their care during the lean season and for the hope of new abundance.

Therefore the Springtide religious festival is known to all peoples of the earth. Passover has always been considerably more than a celebration of the never-failing rebirth of Nature. It has been regarded as the Festival of Freedom. Even the celebration of the birth of a nation. Birth into the freedom and life of the Promised Land out of the death of Egyptian slavery. The earliest Christians were Jews who accepted Jesus of Nazareth as the long looked for Saviour. These early Christians continued their Passover ceremonies and soon began to see in them the re-enactment of the last earthly days of Jesus Christ and the recurrent promise of continued life beyond these earthly years, for every one who claimed Him as Lord and Saviour.

In recent weeks, many of us have seen, heard, felt, and shared Passover and Easter celebrations. In Jewish homes the Passover Seder has been celebrated, the unleavened bread and cups of wine taken, the prayers said. In the temples the people have been reminded by the Torah and their Rabbis that God directed Moses to say more than "Let my people go",—that God said, and is still saying, "Let my people go, **that they may serve Me.**" In the churches the incomparable story of Jesus' crucifixion, death, burial, and resurrection has been told, sung, and dramatized. From the New Testament in thousands of pulpits His message of forgiveness. gentleness, and love has been declared as the greatest news on earth. From temple and church alike, has come the reminder that the law of life is, "Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might; and, love thy neighbor as thyself."

Therefore we, the children of God, Jew and Christian alike, who have reconsecrated ourselves in our own ways, may have a part in causing God's kingdom of righteousness and justice, love and brotherhood to grow and bloom on earth.

JAMES H. BURNS
Protestant Chaplain

Robert Forbes of Tabulating, at the Accounting Machine which is running off payroll checks.

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can multiply, divide, subtract, and add percentage figures; an Interpreter which prints English on the punched cards so that they may be easily read; a Card Collator which puts cards back in order by unit numbers, and which can also pull cards and discard those which are improperly punched; and a Sorter which puts cards in the desired order for any particular job.

The diversity of these machines is one of the reasons why IBM installations are rented, for M.G.H. can exchange old machines for newer, more efficient models, without having to scrap the obsolete machines. Rental also insures having IBM service the machines, an important factor with such complicated electronic equipment.

Apparently, familiarity with the machines does not reduce the awe they inspire. Mr. Martin has recently returned from a trip to the IBM factory in Endicott, New York, where he observed the latest advances in IBM technology. "It's really something unbelievable," he says of the jobs that IBM machines do. But remembering that slogan, THINK, an alert, progressive M.G.H. department, using IBM, goes on doing the unbelievable.

Musicians, Please Note

Are you interested in joining with other M.G.H. employees to form a chamber music group? If you are, and if you play a musical instrument, please call Mr. Ed. K. Stevens at Extension 363, for further information.

MGH Strategists

Chairman Danny Lowe of the Maintenance Department, stresses the fact that all chess players are invited to join the M.G.H. Chess Club, regardless of how well they play. Organized one month ago, the group has already been invited to both the Cambridge and Boston YMCA chess groups. The club is also organizing a meeting with Boston chess pro Franklin Sandborn, who will play the entire membership at one time.

Membership is not limited to men, and any women who are interested in joining, should contact Mr. Lowe. Members now include, from Housekeeping, Ivan Trishkin, Igor Kviatrov, and Nikolaus Krjachew; James Lyons from Baker Nursing; Mr. Edmund R. Mattos, Assistant Director; John Hague of the Upper Store; and Mr. Harold Kern of Eye and Ear.

Did You Know?

The blue and white M.G.H. flag is flown on alternate Friday mornings when the full Board of Trustees is to meet. It also flies to signify special events such as holidays and hospital celebrations; for example, Ether Day on October 16th, or the opening of a new building.

A Reminder

When you get your blood typing results, put them on your identification card. Be sure to fill in all the necessary information.

Alley Tallies

There is an old saying that "All good things must come to an end," and so it is with this year's bowling season, which ends with the last game on April 9th.

At this writing, the Accounting team has all but clinched the title. With Ernie Zunino, John Mendes, John Baxivonus, Jerry Murphy, and John McSweeney as a solid unit, they developed into an unbeatable group.

Runner-up position was still in doubt at press-time, though there were indications that the Electrician, or Yankee teams had a good chance to overtake the Printers who are in second place. The Yankees, out for their third straight pennant seemed to have started their climb a little too late to make it this year.

Several records have been broken in recent games—the high single title going to Russell Gasdia (Pharmacy) of the Yankees, with 136; the high three string record was broken by John Mendes wth 322; the high team single taken by the "cellar-dwelling" Laundry team with 514; while the Yankees set a record of 1446 for a new high team total.

Plans have been completed for the annual banquet, whch is set for the evening of April 25th at the Ritz Plaza Halls, 218 Huntington Avenue. Tickets may be obtained from any officer or from John Mendes in the Accounting Department.

At the March 27th meeting of the Bowling League, the following were elected officers: President, John Mendes; Vice-President, Ernest Zunino; Secretary, Louis Jeffrey of Pharmacy; Treasurer, Malcom MacLean of Maintenance; Assistant Treasurer, John McSweeney; Rules Committee, Ralph Cluff of the Print Shop, Elmer Stanley of Maintenance, and John Baxivonus; Members-at-Large, Jerry Murphy, and Bob Ciampa of Pharmacy; and Scorekeeper, Ernest Morin of General Nursing.

GENEVA MEETING

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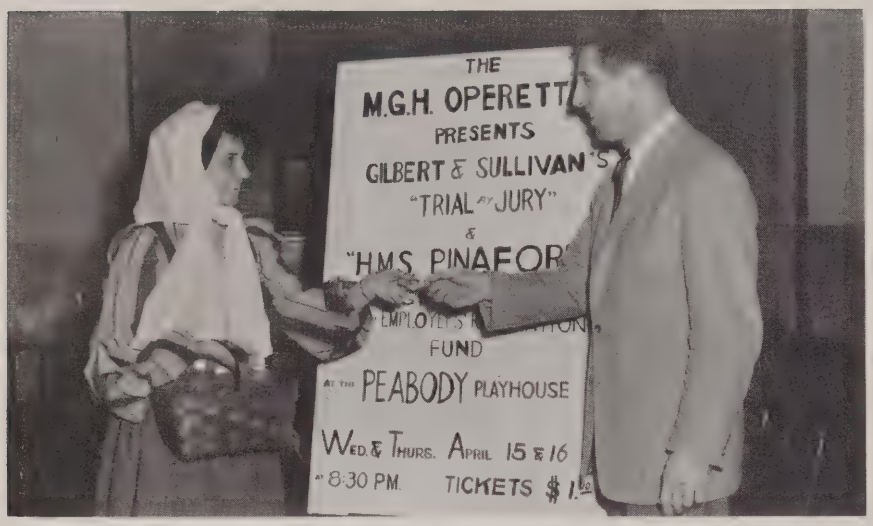
sembly last year as an observer, reports that the W. H. O. is concerned with all aspects of health and health problems. "It has been a tremendously helpful organization in aiding the underdeveloped countries of the world, and in getting men and women out of those countries to study abroad," she said.

Swedish nurse Inga Johnsson, is at M.G.H. studying our nursing techniques under such World Health Organizations sponsorship.

BEHIND THE SCENES ACTIVITY MAKES OPERETTA A SUCCESS



Mr. Victor Castanzo, Assistant Director of Mt. Auburn Hospital, buys a ticket for the M.G.H. Operetta from Buttercup, Mrs. Alice Perry Rex, Baker nurse.

Elaine Pinkham, McLean Occupational Therapist taking measurements on the costume which Rosemarie Best, X-Ray secretary, wears in "Pinafore." Arthur Ouellette from Baker Nursing, looks on.

M. G. H. OPERETTA CO. SCORES AGAIN!

Double Feature Smash Hit

April 15 and 16 were the dates for the fourth annual M.G.H. Operetta production, which this year featured two Gilbert and Sullivan favorites, "Pinafore" and "Trial By Jury". The productions were staged at the Elizabeth Peabody Playhouse on Charles Street.

Margot Warner Heads Production

Margot Warner led the production again this year. Miss Warner has studied voice abroad, and now teaches voice, vocal ensemble, solfege, history of music, harmony and French diction in her studios at 4 Harcourt Street in Boston. Miss Warner has appeared as soloist with a number of groups throughout New England and New York. She is Director and Founder of the Harcourt Street Opera Theatre.

Lorraine Warner Acts as Prompter

Mrs. Langdon Warner served in the dual capacity of prompter and assistant pianist. She is a graduate of the Institute of Musical Arts in New York, and a former Director of the South End Music School.

Amey Amory Serves as Pianist

Mrs. Harold Amory studied piano in Paris with Paul Paray and she appeared in concert with the Boston Pops. Mrs. Amory's wedding to M.G.H. trustee Phillips Ketchum was set for two days after the show.

Cast Members' Backgrounds

James F. Lyons, Baker Nursing Attendent played the role of the Carpenter in "Pinafore". Now studying voice with Miss Warner, Mr. Lyons has been a professional pianist for 15 years.

Frank Powers, the Defendent, has been a singing pianist in a number of area hotels and restaurants.

Marjorie Davis, from the dietary staff at Baker Memorial, played the role of Josephine. A graduate of Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, she sang with the glee club and other musical groups there. Miss Davis was also married on the Saturday after the performance!

Dr. John Ragan is from the Eye and and Ear Infirmary. He played the role of Ralph, in "Pinafore". A graduate of the University of Alberta, his previous musical experience consists of three years with the University Chorus.

Buttercup was played by **Alice Perry Rex,** Assistant Head Nurse from Baker 3, and graduate of Peter Bent Brigham Hospital. She has appeared with the Temple and Lantern Players in amateur theatricals, and also with the Brattle Theatre Company.

Louis Garland Davis holds his degree in voice as Bachelor of Music from the New England Conservatory of Music where he is now doing graduate work. Mr. Davis, Emergency Ward Admitting Clerk, played Dick Deadeye and the Usher in "Trial By Jury." He has also studied in Italy at the Cerubini Conservatory in Florence.

Richard Rogers served in the dual capacity of actor-singer, and Assistant Director. In the former role, he did both the roles of the Captain in "Pinafore" and the Judge in "Trial By Jury". He graduated from the Boston Conservatory of Music and has appeared for many years in summer stock, as a member of local music societies and church choirs.

Sir Joseph was played by **Peter Terry,** who has been a member of the N. E. Light Opera Company of Boston, and who has also been active in choral and dramatic groups throughout the city.

Marie Cummings, OPD cashier, played Hebe. Her past musical history includes appearances at weddings, church choirs, and recitals. She is looking forward to a June appearance at Jordan Hall.

The role of the Boatswain's Mate was handled by **John J. Farrell,** a nursing orderly, who is a charter member of the Operetta Co.

Rosemarie Best from General X-Ray has been doing radio work, singing and chorus work, and TV for four or five years. She played the Plaintiff in "Trial By Jury".

Photo Contest Awards To Be Announced Next Month

The May issue of "The World" will include an announcement of the winners of the 1952-1953 photographic contest, which ended with last month's issue.

Contest judges include Assistant Director Dr. Charles L. Clay, Chairman, Mrs. Muriel M. Miller of the Medical Arts Department, and Mr. Donald Withee, of the Photographic Department.

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Wanted: Your Opinions

The hospital has considered sponsoring a series of monthly movies for employees—movies with a practical value, movies with educational value, movies for fun and relaxation. . . . But how do **you** feel about it?

Why Not Write A Letter to The Editor?

Send it to the Personnel Department
including your views on the subject,
the kind of movies you'd like, and so on.

OR BETTER YET, COME IN AND TALK IT OVER

Concerts For May Set For Moseley Rotunda

Mrs. John D. Crawford and Mrs. Abraham Finesinger, co-chairmen of the M.G.H. Staff Wives Music Committee have announced the program of afternoon concerts for the month of May, which will be held in the Moseley Rotunda, instead of the Chapel, to accommodate the large numbers of interested patients and personnel.

Both programs will present choral groups; the first, on Thursday, May 7, at 3:00 p.m., will feature the Morning Chorale, the very fine group which was here at Christmas-time. The group, composed of housewives, is led by Mrs. Mary Laud.

On Wednesday, May 27, at 3:00 p.m., a group of faculty and graduate students' wives from Harvard and M.I.T. called the Technology Matrons and Dames Chorale Group will sing. This group of 35 women who give five or six concerts a year, is led by Mrs. George Scatchard, Associate Professor of Music at Smith College.

The concerts are open to anyone who is interested, though seating goes to patients if there is an overflow crowd.

Every Man His Own Reporter

There is a small brown box, marked "The World" on the last desk in the Personnel Office. This small box is for the convenience of anyone who has a comment, an idea for a story, or any suggestion for the paper. Jot down your ideas and drop them into the box, or come in and tell the Editor, Miss Lubell, just what you have in mind. If your idea is a good one, and if we can work it into the paper, the staff would be happy to include your suggestion. **Remember, this is your paper,** and you can help to make it a better one if you let the staff know your views.

Visiting Canadian Nurse Lauds "Family Spirit" of M.G.H.

Miss Mary Shepherd, Superintendent of Nurses at the Winnipeg Municipal Hospitals, has been impressed by the feeling of "oneness" which she has observed at M.G.H. in her six-month visit here to study the hospital's methods of nursing administration. Miss Shepherd, who returned to Canada this month, was enthusiastic about the hospital, its activities, and its personnel.

Seeing the far-flung enterprises of M.G.H. as drawn together into one family, Miss Shepherd noted that within the family there seems to be "a feeling of oneness—of sharing and working together over problems and difficulties, sharing successes—of being open and aboveboard—trusting: a feeling of management support—good interdepartmental relations, and a closeness rarely found in such a large institution."

Mentioning the warm spirit created by the various Christmas activities as an example of what she meant, Miss Shepherd included as other outstanding activities, the Chapel, the integration with the hospital personnel of the work of the Ladies' Visiting Committee, and the ability of the hospital to absorb so many different kinds of activities into one organization.

Miss Shepherd made a point of expressing her regard for the many people who helped make her stay at M.G.H. instructive and enjoyable. "I should like to express my appreciation to everyone," she said. "They've all done so much in making the M.G.H. so much a part of me, and I have deeply appreciated it."

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CONTEST

Prizes will be awarded to the three top entries of the past year in each of two classes. Class I includes pictures taken by the contestant but developed and printed professionally. Class II entries must have been developed and printed by the contestant.

New Employment Trends Reported in Medical Records Department

The Medical Records Department, particularly the File Room used to be as feminine as—well, a tea-party. Lately, however, a distinctively masculine element has been noticed in the basement of the OPD area of the hospital, where the medical records are kept.

The File Room supervisor, Gregory Connolly, is assisted by the following, all males: Day Filers, Bill Marion and Bill Solomon; Night Filer, Bob Hayes.

The fair sex is attempting to hold its own, and the following have been added to the ranks in recent weeks: Betty Johnson, Elena Marino, Claire Donahue, Marie Genovese, Bernice Reckless, Etta Hanson, Mary Lynskey, and Rose Folini.

PERSONALITIES

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he could read well. Sensitive fingers bled at first, but with time and patience, Mr. Young has learned to skim the pages of his commercial correspondence course rapidly and lightly. "I'm trying to improve myself all the time," he said in relating his hopes of finishing his high school course within the next two years. Mac must be exercised every night, so that leaves only Saturdays and Sundays for any real study.

Mr. Young's recreational activities sound a little unusual, until he goes into details and explains how a blind man can be active in sports and even in photography. He goes ice-skating and roller-skating, both skills he has learned since his blindness.

Bowling has been his favorite sport, and he was a regular member of the M.G.H. Bowling League until he gave up his place on the team to another man when he went to the Seeing Eye Foundation. By using the right hand alley with the hand rail to guide him, Mr. Young manages to keep up an average around the 80's.

Photography became his hobby when he was given a camera as a present. Using the waist as a gauge to determine height, he takes color and black and white pictures. He hopes to start developing his own pictures soon.

Both Mr. Davis and Mr. Young are happy to be working again after long years of involuntary idleness. They report that their fellow employees are cooperative and helpful. M.G.H. is proud to have Willis Young and John Davis with us.

ABOUT FOLKS

Pharmacy Notes

The Pharmacy wishes to extend hearty greetings to its new employee, Agnes McGovern, who was recently transferred from Dispatch. Also, may we welcome Jean Allen and Sam Rosenberg, two new additions to our staff.

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We wish the best of everything to Ellie Leavenworth and Robert Surabian who recently left our department.

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It's also good to see Ella Godsoe back again and feeling fine after an extended illness.

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Baker Nursing

We are all glad that Marjorie Landers is home after spending some time on Baker 7 as a patient. We all hope that she will be back at work with us soon.

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Miss Alice Perry was married recently to Frederick J. Rex, Jr., a graduate of Tufts.

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Mrs. Doris LaNier wishes to thank Martha Lange, a student nurse, for returning her lost wallet.

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We were all very sorry to hear of the sudden death of Charlie Rakus of the O.R. Bill Hines is taking over his job.

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Mrs. Marie D'Entremont wishes to thank all the people in the O.R. for their kindness in her recent sorrow at the death of her nephew.

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Mrs. Dorothy Degillio has left Baker 7 to work in the O.R. We're sorry to lose her and we all miss her.

Dietary Tid-Bits

Most of us who work days seldom think about the fact that the work of our department goes on throughout the night. The preparation, serving, and cleaning up for these hours keeps everyone—Mrs. Maude Jenkins, Supervisor, Bridget Collins, John Harris, Leslie Mullen, Sophie Sidorowicz, Katherine Tobin, and once a week, Charlie Kavanaugh, quite busy.

All through the night, Otto Skeppen in our Bake Shop, is making large batches of the bread, rolls, muffins, and custards that we all like so much.

At four o'clock, Herbert Todd arrives to start preparations for patient and personnel breakfast service. At five o'clock, the early cooks arrive, as well as Mathew Stevenson who handles the breakfast distribution to the floor kitchens.

Then, at five-thirty, the cafeteria servers and many others report for duty so that breakfast for early personnel may be ready to serve at six-fifteen.

At seven o'clock, the Food Store men arrive and begin to deliver the huge quantities of fresh fruit, vegetables, milk, cream, and staple foods that will be used in the thousands of meals to be served during the day.

It seems that the Dietary world is never dull, and its work, never done!

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Since Helena Marshall's son became the father of a baby boy, Helena's happy smile seems to indicate that being a grandmother is pretty nice.

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Hilda Irving seems happy in her new assignment as Diet Aide in Vincent Burnham.

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Pneumonia made Paul Zarnowski of the White Kitchen Pot Room a very sick man. We hope that his recovery will be rapid and that he will be back with us soon.

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Housekeeping

A familiar face has returned to these parts—that of Delphine Deveau, the Lady-in-Pink who keeps things clean at the Overnight Ward. Delpine has been away for quite a while and we're glad to see her back "in the pink."

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In last month's "World" we introduced a new feature, that of expressing Housekeeping's appreciation to other hospital departments. This month it is our desire to salute an outstanding department, Nursing. We of Housekeeping are constantly appreciative of the fine cooperation and suggestions we receive from Nursing. We should like to extend special thanks to Miss Lepper who, with her department members, has shown that spirit of cooperation which fosters the harmony we enjoy.

It can be said that the greatest contribution the Nursing Department makes to Housekeeping is the ever-present understanding, the willingness on the part of Nursing to listen to our problems. This relationship is an asset to an organization, and goes a long way to lighten the day's work.

Eye And Ear

National Hospital Day will be celebrated on Tuesday, May 12th. At the Infirmary, a varied program is planned to celebrate the day.

The Boston Eye Bank will present the first hospital showing of the organization's new motion picture. Entitled "Eyes of Service", the color-sound documentary will explain just how the Eye Bank functions to supply tissue for the corneal transplant operation and for eye research. The film was sponsored by the Junior League of Boston.

Sets and actors will be very familiar to the Infirmary audience, since members of the hospital staff and personnel contributed their services to the picture. Miss Henrietta Olsen, R.N., Miss Therese Ecker, Secretary of the Howe Laboratory, Miss Phyllis Scott, Executive Secretary of the Eye Bank, Dr. Robert Trotter, Dr. Robert Alpert, Dr. Bernard Zeavin, and Dr. Richard Chapman appear in the film. The "lead" is played by Miss Stasia Soltys, a former patient who had a corneal transplant operation at the Infirmary several years ago.

The exact time of the showings of the film will be announced on the buletin board in the basement rotunda.

The Ladies Visiting Committee is arranging a morning party for Hospital Day, to be held in the Surgeons' Parlor from ten to eleven o'clock. Mrs. Varaztad H. Kazanjian, President of the LVC, has extended a most cordial invitation to all of the hospital.

In the afternoon, there will be a volunteer tea. Volunteers come from all over the greater Boston area. The youngest, who works at the hospital as a part of her Girl Scout service, is a teen-ager of fifteen. The oldest volunteer has had her eightieth birthday. In all, over 5500 hours of service were given to the hospital last year by the volunteer group. At the Hospital Day tea, volunteers who have contributed 100 hours or more will receive a special Service Pin.

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BARTLETT HALL OPENS—IMPRESSES VISITORS WITH "NEW LOOK"

Bartlett Hall, new nurses' residence.

Futuramic is the word for Bartlett Hall, new nurses' residence, which was officially opened with open houses on April 29 and 30.

Oh's and Ah's were frequently heard as guests streamed through the colorfully decorated rooms, examined the furniture, and tasted the punch and cookies which were served at both parties.

The dorm, which will house three floors of staff nurses and four floors of students, is notable for its use of light and color.

The sunken living room is marked by furnishings in midnight blue, tangerine, black, watermelon, and beige colors. The huge open fireplace has a partition for stacking wood. Large plant-filled boxes add to the warmth of the downstairs rooms.

The upper floors are divided into bedroom-suites with modern closets along the corridor walls to ensure extra quiet. This feature, as well as

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Dr. Clay Announces New Parking Lot Arrangements

Dr. Charles L. Clay, Assistant Director, has announced that the "cloverleaf" parking yards under the Charles St. ramps are ready for use, so the Bulfinch parking area can be closed and reseeded.

The Massachusetts General and the Eye and Ear Infirmary are to have the use of the new yards during the days, Monday through Friday. After 5 p.m. and on weekends they will be open to the public, although surveillance by a watchman will be provided for the daytime only.

The "cloverleaf" area will not increase the hospital's total parking space, as the capacity open to M.G.H. cars is about the same as the area now provided by the Bulfinch lot. The ma-

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Bowling Banquet Held

League Settles Account With Accounting Team

A crowd of nearly 100 celebrated the conclusion of the third M.G.H. Bowling League season with a banquet held at the Ritz Plaza Halls, on Saturday, April 25.

Retiring President Salvatore Gasdia, of the Pharmacy Department, acted as Master of Ceremonies. He introduced the old and new officers (listed in last month's "World").

Mr. Gasdia announced that Joseph St. Pierre, Baker Nursing, had declined to be considered for an award, although his scores merited several awards. Mr. St. Pierre has been in many national and area tournaments, and he therefore stepped aside in favor of the regular M.G.H. "amateurs."

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Mr. Frederick Foster Named Assistant Director

Mr. Frederick D. Foster has been appointed Assistant Director effective April 1. Mr. Foster's special responsibility is procurement and use of supplies and equipment, and salvage.

Mr. Foster came to M.G.H. as a resident in administration in July of 1952 from Washington University in St. Louis.

Before going into hospital administration, Mr. Foster, a graduate of the University of Florida, was a teacher and coach at the university.

From 1946 until 1951, he was Supervisor of the University Hospital in Gainsville.

Mr. Foster and his wife, formerly Miss Eleanor Wright, were married by Chaplain James Burns in the M.G.H. chapel. Mrs. Foster, a graduate of the Washington University School of Nursing, is a nurse in the Overnight Ward.

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A group of M.G.H. graduate and student nurses relax in the living room of Bartlett Hall.

Rewards For You and M.G.H.

Making M.G.H. as efficient an organization as possible is a full time job at which many different kinds of experts work. Administrators, architects, dieticians, and supervisors of all kinds make it their business to find ways of doing things faster, better, and cheaper, and many of these experts have had long years of training for this job of streamlining our operations.

But they cannot do the job alone. Despite the size and complexity of M.G.H.. the man on the job **can** improve the operating efficiency of the hospital by keeping his eyes open, and by thinking about the job he does. The man on the job knows his own area of work better than anyone else can possibly know it.

His views, his ideas, are of value, and no improvement, however small, is insignificant. This month's award-winning suggestion is an example of a simple improvement which will save time, and therefore, it is important. Every time a few extra, unnecessary steps are saved, valuable time is released for other activities. The sum total of **small** improvements makes a **big** difference over a period of time.

It often takes time to put some of the suggestions into operation. They must be referred to the proper departments, and arrangements for new tools or procedures must be made, but every little bit **does** help. Your suggestions can pay off, for you and for the hospital, so keep on using the suggestion boxes.

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the sloping mirrors in the vari-colored rooms were suggested by Miss Ruth Sleeper, Director of the School of Nursing.

Each floor has a small recreation and utility room, complete with balcony and kitchen equipment.

The 9th floor recreation rooms are hung with curtains in olive green, black, white, and tangerine stripes — an indication that these are rooms for relaxation and fun. Sewing machines, ping-pong table, TV and phonograph sets, matchstick bamboo partitions, and kitchen equipment are included.

Typical of the impression made by the new building was James Kilcoyne's remark. Mr. Kilcoyne (featured in this month's "Personalities at M.G.H.") said, "It's a dangerous thing to do — moving all these girls in here. They'll never want to move out — even to get married!"

Nurses' Alumnae Group Plans Homecoming Celebration

The M.G.H. Nurses' Alumnae Association has chosen June 5-7 for its homecoming celebration, according to Mrs. Alfred Kranes, publicity chairman. This will be the third meeting of M.G.H. alumnae since the tradition of holding a reunion every five years, was established. The last meeting was in 1948, when the 75th Anniversary of the Nursing School was celebrated.

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Miss Anna Viden, Supervisor of Residences, welcomes Irene Webler, left, and Norma Blank, to Bartlett Hall.

Personalities at M.G.H.

"We used to do the job with our sleeves rolled up for hard work, and we never got a penny for working overtime." And that's how Patrick James Kilcoyne, Appliance Room, describes the difference between hospital work forty years ago, and today, when, in his words "all the girls look so nice, it makes the patients forget they're ill just to look at them."

Mr. Kilcoyne ought to know how the hospital has changed with the years, because he will have been at M.G.H. for forty of them on October 4.

He started on a Saturday, he recalls (and Personnel Department records check, to the day!). On that first day,

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BOWLING BANQUET

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Mr. Lawrence Martin, Comptroller, announced the winners of the trophies. Russell Gasdia's 136 was the high single. John Mendes' high three string 322 won a trophy, for the best three game score.

The League leading team was the Accounting Department group. Trophies were taken home by team members Jerry Murphy, John McSweeney, John Baxivonus, John Mendes and Ernie Zunino.

Scorekeeper Ernest Morin was presented with a trophy by Mr. Martin who described him as the "unsung hero" of the League, for his work in keeping scoring records.

Dancing to the music of Louis Jeffrey's orchestra followed the presentation of awards.

Plans for next year's activities are now under way. Bowling should begin right after Labor Day. Anyone interested in joining the team should see Mr. Mendes.

Trophy winners in M.G.H. Bowling League. Front Row, left to right, John Baxivonus, John McSwe ney, John Mendes, Russell Gasdia. Standing, Ernest Morin, Jerry Murphy, Ernie Zunino.

PARKING LOT

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jor improvement in the parking situation will result from placing the House Staff cars in the Cambridge St. Garage, now owned by the hospital. This will allow redistribution of the space in the No. Grove St. yard.

Since most of the staff doctors come to the hospital only in the forenoon and only two or three times a week, it is hoped to be able to take care of their cars in the Parkman and "cloverleaf" yards, leaving the No. Grove and Allen St. yards for full-time employees.

The Allocation Committee, which handled the difficult task of distributing space, anticipated that doctors leaving after lunch will vacate enough spaces for those coming to work in the afternoon and evening.

The committee based its decisions on a combination of factors related to the applicant's distance from work, the public facilities available to him, the hours of his work, and not on personal factors unrelated to the job. The committee felt that these latter factors were private considerations.

The applications of those who could not be given space are being retained in the files for further consideration this summer when the old wooden stables and a number of brick tenements will be demolished, making new space available.

Until the new space is available, there are some stalls open at a special price, to M.G.H. employees, at the Cambridge St. Garage. The rate is now set at $7.00 per month for day-time parking. Full-time day and night parking will be $12.50 per month to hospital employees (Visiting staff members not in the hospital's employ, will be charged $7.50 for days, $20.00 full time).

The general approach to the parking problem is the attempt to give every holder of a sticker, the expectation that a space will actually exist for his car, which has not always been the case in the past, according to Dr. Clay. In addition, afternoon visitors should be able to park in the yards.

Notices will be posted announcing the opening date of the new yards, and applicants will be notified of their eligibility. They may pick up their stickers by bringing their registrations to the Secretaries' Office.

Art Exhibits Attract Many To Brick Corridor

The Brick Corridor is more than just a passageway to Bulfinch, or the Path Building, largely because it is the place where news about all that's going on in the hospital is posted. During this past year, it has also been dressed up with the rotating art exhibits on view in the display cabinets.

The cabinets were planned and designed by Mrs. Muriel McLatchie Miller, Director of Medical Art, who also takes charge of arranging for the exhibits.

The cabinets cost from $75 to $100 each to build. The Medical Art Department raised money to defray the

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The Flowers that Bloom in the Spring, Tra La

When you feel more like an ice cream cone than a second cup of coffee; when those balmy breezes from the Charles lure you out to the front steps; and most of all, when the daffodils and tulips nod their colorful heads in the sunlight — it's no longer just a faint hope—spring has hit you!

No one at M.G.H. claims credit for the spring zephyrs, or the warm sun; but the budding trees, the green lawn, and the beautiful jonquils, tulips, and daffodils are another story. They are the result of the generosity of an M.G.H. trustee, and the follow-up work of the Maintenance Department.

Mr. John R. Macomber donated the bulbs which were planted last fall, and which are cared for by gardeners Joseph Cavallaro and Joseph Napoli. Mr. Macomber also gave many of the new trees which have been planted on the grounds.

According to Tony Maggiotta, Labor foreman, it's a full time job keeping the grounds in order, but it's a job which has shown colorful and very pleasant results.

Suggestion Award

This month's award goes to Marion Pless, of Baker Nursing, for her suggestion that stationary bottle openers be placed on the walls of the diet kitchens to facilitate the opening of bottles. Her suggestion was awarded $5.00.

A Typical Day at M. G. H.

The figures listed above are approximate averages of the amount of work done in some of the departments of the hospital, and the numbers of people necessary to get them done. They are indicative of the volume of work done on any ordinary day at M.G.H.

COME ONE, COME ALL

What? Semi-Formal Dance Sponsored by the Nurses' Alumnae Association

When? Friday, June 12th from 9:00-1:00

Where? Regency Room, Hotel Somerset

How? Tickets will be on sale in the hospital.

Former M.G.H. Employee Author of Prize Winning Novel

The author of "Stephania," Literary Guild selection for April, was until her recent resignation to devote full time to her writing, a member of the Anesthesia Department.

Ilona Karmel's first novel, written during her undergraduate days at Radcliffe, has won critical acclaim from Boston and New York reviewers.

In reference to the publicity following "Stephania's" success, Miss Karmel reports that she felt "somewhat overwhelmed." Her family, particularly her young nephew, enjoyed the excitement of photographers and reporters much more than she did. "You get an awful sense of obligation," she says, somewhat ruefully. "People expect so much from you."

The enthusiastic praise given "Stephania" is an indication that Miss Karmel knows what she's talking about when she suggests that much will be expected from her. The book was hailed not only as a good first work of a promising writer, but as a mature piece of writing from an author having something to say about life and about people who live and think.

Stephania is a young Polish girl who becomes a patient in the Swedish Royal Institute for the Handicapped, fiercely determined to become normal again. For Stephania, there cannot be cheerful acceptance of her deformity — there can only be a pitched battle with all of her energies devoted to pursuing the victory she so desperately wants and feels as necessary to her life. She despises the attempts to make hospital life pleasant, saying that the patients "forget what they have come here for."

Some of Stephania's grim determination is transferred to the two companions in her ward, each of whom achieves a measure of triumph over handicaps of major proportions.

For Stephania, there is no triumph, but a victory of another sort. Her acceptance of herself with her deformity, her recognition that life is valuable even to those who possess so little of its joys — these are lessons that Stephania must learn slowly and painfully. The story of her struggle to affirm life itself, is a human story, not one confined to the room in which most of the action takes place.

"Stephania" is published by Houghton Mifflin, and is on sale at the General Store.

Next Month

Watch for next month's issue of "The World." There will be a special supplement on nursing.

Frank Powers New Dispatch Head

Talking to Frank Powers, new Hospital Dispatch head is a difficult task. He is constantly interrupted by the ringing of the phone (at a rate of approximately four calls a minute), the writing of assignments, and the other details that make his job a complicated one.

Mr. Powers took over the department on May 4. He had been a materials handling consultant doing stock control systems and industrial planning. Asked if this was good background for his new assignment, Mr. Powers said, "I don't know yet—I've been too busy to find out."

Mr. Powers went on to describe what his plan of operations is. "You just muddle in and watch the work, doing all of the details. Then you try to develop a plan eliminating the unnecessary steps that you have observed."

Mr. Powers lives in Melrose. He was asked if he were married, and his reply was, "Very much so. I just got a 25 year pin." Children? "Five. Four girls and a boy."

With a background of the kind displayed by Mr. Powers, the Dispatch Service seems to be in good hands.

High Fashion — Hospital Style

Fine clothes may not make the man (or woman), but they can help. At least this seems to be the opinion of those responsible for the uniforms now being worn by men in the Dis-

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M.G.H. Operetta Box Office Success

Capacity audiences filled the Elizabeth Peabody Playhouse to acclaim the M.G.H. Operetta Company's performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's "Trial By Jury" and "H.M.S. Pinafore," on April 15 and 16.

Ticket sales for the company's fourth annual production went over the 250 mark for the Wednesday evening performance, and Thursday night was completely sold out before curtain time, according to Miss Marjorie Johnston of the Personnel Department, who handled the arrangements for the group.

Over $735 was collected, according to Miss Johnston, and when operating expenses are paid, checks will be sent to the M.G.H. Research and to the Employees' Recreation Funds. It is expected that the amounts contributed this year will exceed those of any year in the past.

The production, directed by Miss Margot Warner, was marked by the fine performances of the principals, who interpreted their roles with clarity, humor, and some first-rate singing. Scenery and costuming were also noteworthy. The supporting cast's enjoyment of their roles was transferred to the audience, and a relaxed, "let's have fun" attitude was the keynote for both performances.

Chef Tom Connolly's son, Tommy, a member of last year's cast, appeared on stage in Thursday's performance. He was home on leave from the Marines.

Last month's "World" failed to include, among the list of principals, the name of Stephen Bel Corsaro of the Barber Shop, who played the Boatswain in "Pinafore," and Jean Farrell of Accounting, who played the Plaintiff's Maid of Honor in "Trial By Jury."

The entire company of "Pinafore" in the finale of the operetta.

Peter Terry presents a bouquet to Mrs. Harold Amery, left center, and Miss Margot Warner, after the performance of "Pinafore."

Dick Rogers, Rosemarie Best, and Peter Terry in "Trial By Jury."

PERSONALITIES

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he waited from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00, and was just walking out of the door when the Assistant Director remembered their appointment and came to get him.

Had Been in New Hampshire Mill

Mr. Kilcoyne had been working at a mill where, for $11.60 a week, he wove 1064 yards of cloth a week — and it had to be done correctly, for the rate was cut if mistakes were discovered. When the Workmen's Compensation Act was passed, he came to M.G.H. to learn first-aid procedures, and while he was here, the mill went on strike. First came the strike, then the first World War, and finally Mr. Kilcoyne decided he liked his job, so even though he was earning only $25.00 a month, he decided to stay.

Mr. Kilcoyne went to classes with the nurses in Thayer, and he recalls learning how to make a bed, under the direction of Annabella McCrae (who graduated from the School of Nursing in 1895), who was in charge of the program.

When he had difficulties on his first attempt, she said, "You'll fold that draw-sheet correctly if we have to stay here all day." Mr. Kilcoyne says, "From that time on, I admired her."

Apparently the admiration was mutual, for when six weeks had gone by, she chose him, from among all the nurses, to demonstrate to 150 Harvard students, how to give a slush bath to a bed patient without spilling a drop of water.

Flag Raising Duties

Dr. Frederick Washburn, then hospital director, had another job for Mr. Kilcoyne. Rain or shine, weekdays and holidays, the flag was to be flown from the top of the Domestic Building, and from 1913 until 1933, Mr. Kilcoyne saw to it that the flag was there.

Early Methods of Nursing Recalled

Mr. Kilcoyne remembers bringing wood upstairs to the fireplaces in Bulfinch. He recalls lifting patients in bed in the days before the automatic bed jack. He remembers carrying patients into the hospital from the lawn, and how, every now and then, rubber sheets were necessary to cover patients caught in a sudden shower before they could be moved inside.

Since the only elevator in the hospital prior to 1924, was near the post office, patients were carried up and down the stairs in the attendants' arms, on stretchers, and if the patient were very ill, in beds, when six men were necessary to do the job.

Mr. Kilcoyne can remember the old-fashioned stiff Roman collars the nurses used to wear, and the long sleeves with the starched cuffs that were never to be rolled up. And while he approves of modern comfortable dress, he thinks that "what with your college, and your jobs, you girls today never learn enough about housekeeping to be able to do it efficiently."

From the twinkle in his eye when he made that statement, it would be a fairly safe guess to assume that Mr. Kilcoyne still doesn't think too badly of modern girls, but the old-fashioned virtues of honesty, hard work, and fair dealing rate high on his list of what makes an individual worth while.

If you want to know what a man is like, it's a good idea to ask other people what they think of him. Hugh Heney of General Nursing has this to say of James Kilcoyne: "I've worked for all kinds of men in my life, some good and some bad. I've been here for seven years, and I can't think of another man I'd rather work for, than Mr. Kilcoyne."

NURSES' ALUMNAE

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The program this year includes attending graduation ceremonies at Sanders Theatre in Cambridge on the fifth of June, a dinner that night, tours of the hospital and Bartlett Hall on the sixth, and a luncheon given by the trustees.

A Clinical symposium will be held on the afternoon of the sixth featuring Dr. Oliver Cope. That evening will be "Pops" night. Tickets for the Symphony Hall performance will be on sale near the White Information Desk, and anyone who wants to attend may purchase tickets.

Rooms for out-of-town members will be available and reservations may be made with Miss Anna Viden in the Nursing Office.

HIGH FASHION

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patch Department, and by the women in the Volunteers group.

The Volunteers were the first to blossom out in their new smocks, which are colored a bright "cherry-red". They were followed by the Dispatch Service wearing a more conservative blue outfit with contrasting gray ties.

The smocks worn by the Volunteers have been adopted by the Women's Auxiliaries of the National Hospital Association as the "national uniform" to be worn all over the country, according to Mrs. D. Courtney, Head of the M.G.H. Volunteers.

Did You Know?

The red carnations worn by medical interns and residents indicate that the doctor is spending his last day on a particular service. The gift of the floor personnel, they are given to the resident or intern who will be leaving the floor after his two-month service, to go to a new assignment the next day.

Riders Welcomed; Not Operators

Help keep our accident rate down by following rules made for your protection:

THE FREIGHT ELEVATORS ARE TO BE RUN BY LICENSED OPERATORS ONLY.

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ART EXHIBITS

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expenses of the cabinets which were primarily designed for medical exhibits. The last two cabinets are equipped for trans-lights which illuminate the colored negatives used in medical exhibits.

The Ladies Visiting Committee gave the money for one cabinet, Dr. Arthur Allen donated three, and a group of staff doctors donated the remaining two.

Space for the fall exhibits can now be reserved by contacting Mrs. Miller, who hopes that individuals and groups connected with the hospital will plan to display their art work, arts and crafts, or photographic work.

From May 15 to 29, Dr. Lewis Kane, staff member, will have an exhibit of his oils.

The schedule for the remainder of the spring and summer is now filled.

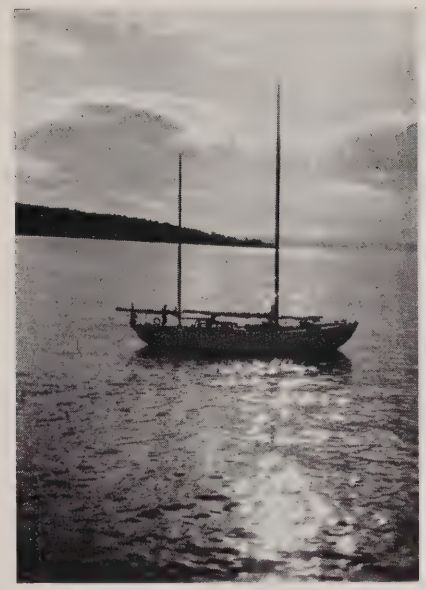
From May 30 through June 12, Mr. Ernest Wasser, Phillips House Night Clerk, will have an exhibit of oils and water colors, and Mr. Jack Kramer of the White Building Information Desk will follow from June 13 to June 26.

An exhibit of copper work by the student nurses will fill the cases from June 27-July 10, and on July 11, Mr. Kenneth Weyand of Dietary, will exhibit his oil landscapes.

"A Sure Sign"

Signs of the times — posters for meetings. movies, plays and programs that keep us posted on events at M.G.H. — most of them are the handiwork of Si Gagne of the paint shop. Si dashes off the colorful signs that brighten the halls, in less time than it takes most of us to write the copy for our posters. A vote of thanks goes to Si Gagne.

Samuel Greene's first prize Drum Major.



Mrs. Frederick Ockowski's first prize entry.

Carmelia Perotta's second prize "Going for a Walk."

Photo Contest Winners Announced

Winning entries in the photo contest have been announced, and the winners have been sent their checks.

First Prize of $5.00 in Class I went to Samuel Greene of General Nursing. Second Prize of $3.00 was awarded to Stephen Bel Corsaro of the Barber Shop. The $2.00 Third Prize went to Carmelia Perrotta, licensed attendant on Baker 6, who also won Second Place in Class II.

First Prize in Class II was taken by Mrs. Frederick Oczkowski, who was an evening supervisor in General Nursing. Third Place winner is Mr. Allen Mathewson of the Purchasing Department.

The entries were judged by Dr. Charles L. Clay, Assistant Director; Mrs. Muriel McLatchie Miller, and Mr. Donald Withee, of the Photographic Department.

All pictures are being returned to their owners, and the staff of "The World" wishes to thank all those who submitted entries.

Second prize winner by Stephen Bel Corsaro.

Allen Mathewson's third prize entry.

Carmelia Perrotta's third class winner in Class I.

ABOUT FOLKS

Eye and Ear Infirmary

Blue jeans and sneakers, along with a good pitching arm and whopping appetite, will be very much in order on June 10, the day set for the Eye and Ear picnic. Once again the place chosen is Houghton's Pond in the Blue Hills. The transportation to the Pond will be furnished by a hired truck or busses. Features of the afternoon are to include softball, swimming and contest games, and the Dietary Department is planning a menu for the cook-out supper, over the open fireplaces.

Mrs. Helen O'Reilly of the Accounting Department is Chairman of the Outing Committee. Other members are: Miss Henrietta Olsen, R.N. (Admitting Office), Mr. Roscoe Adams (Housekeeping Department), Mrs. Patricia Huddleston (Occupational Therapy Department, Miss Nancy Newcomb and Miss Dorothy Campanella (Dietary Department).

All of the hospital, personnel and resident staff, are cordially invited. Lists will be circulated and the Committee has asked that those who are interested sign up for the picnic before the third of June.

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Miss Dorothy Ghisellini, R.N., ward teaching supervisor, left the Infirmary in April to accept a position in private duty nursing in Washington, D. C. Miss Ghisellini, an M.G.H. graduate, had been at the Eye and Ear for some six years.

A tea in her honor afforded an opportunity to her many friends in the hospital to offer good wishes in her new post. Miss Ghisellini left for the Capital in early May.

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The colorful travel posters in the Eye Out-Patient Department were put up by Mrs. Herbert Barry, Jr. Mrs. Barry, who is a volunteer at M.G.H., has also furnished posters for the Medical OPD. The posters came from several airlines, and from the New York tourist offices of the individual countries.

General Nursing

Mr. George McMahon, Hospital Aide on White 8, has just returned from a visit with his daughter in Maryland.

Mr. Ernest Middlemiss, formerly Hospital Aide in the Emergency Ward, has been promoted to the position of clerk at the Emergency Ward Desk.

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Miss Mildred Hagstrom, Secretary in the Nursing Office, plans to be married to Mr. George Shaw Stone on June 20.

Notes on Nursing

The Nursing Department is planning a Food Sale to be held on May 7 in the Brick Corridor for the benefit of Bartlett Hall. It is hoped to raise enough money to purchase radios for the recreation rooms in the new nurses' residence.

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Miss Frances Grady, formerly Medical Supervisor, has been appointed Assistant Director of Nurses in the Bulfinch Building.

Miss Betty Smith and Miss Phyllis Lyden, formerly of the M.G.H. Staff, visited the hospital looking very chic in their Air Corps uniforms.

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Miss Marie Rearick and Miss Eileen Wolseley are leaving for Europe where they plan to attend the coronation celebration.

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Rings 'n' Things

Miss Priscilla Johnston, Cystoscopy Room nurse, is to be married to Mr. Robert Lyman. Miss Florence Ridlon, Head Nurse on White 6, is engaged to Mr. Daniel Yasi. Mary Gardner, instructor of student attendant nurses, was married on April 11 to Mr. Walter Simcock. Lorraine Kompanek, Baker 10, is engaged to medical student Richard Peters. Pauline Tibbets, Baker 4, is now Mrs. Edward Spaulding. Miss Elaine O'Leary is leaving to be married.

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Medical Records

Remember the old game known as Musical Chairs or Stagecoach — the one where, at a given signal, everyone changes seats? A similar change-over in jobs seems to have overtaken the Medical Records Department. Alice Hemmerlin, for years head of the File Room, departed for a brief stay at the Nerve Clinic and is now apparently settled in the Medical Clinic. She has been succeeded by Gregory Connolly, with Mary Giove as his assistant.

The Processing Room, formerly the Catalogue Room, has had similar changes. Millie Cooney left to have a baby. She was succeeded by Michiline Van Newkirk who then moved to the Accounting Department. Muriel Gephart has gone to Europe, and Sally Lunt is taking her place. Joanne Zouveios of Patients' Index has gone to Transcriptions, and Barbara Mullen, Roberta Fowler, Doris Gomez, Mary Donahue, Catherine Vass and Mary Luzzio have been moving to new stations within the department with as much speed as in the best game of Musical Chairs.

Dietary Tidbits

Maurice Buchanan of the Butcher Shop and White Kitchen, is the proud father of a son, Maurice, Jr., born on April 17.

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Kenneth Wyand of the dishroom, has returned from a week's vacation in New York.

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The diet aide is an important member of the dietary team. Trained "on the job" to aid in the therapeutic dietary care of the patient, the diet aides are responsible for detailed information about the food needs and preferences of patients.

The twenty diet aides now working in the hospital are easily identified by their green uniforms, white blouses, and the insignia which they wear on their left sleeves.

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Tadeusz Smolak, formerly of the laundry, now of the dishroom, is the father of a son, born in April.

Food Sale

Bartlett Hall residents will enjoy listening to their own FM radios as a result of the highly successful Food Sale held on May 7 in the Brick Corridor, in which $483.75 was raised. Sponsored by the Nursing Department, all departments cooperated in making the sale successful.

Phillips House News

It's nice to see Miss Kathleen Logan back on duty after her recent absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Albert of Lawton, Oklahoma, have announced the birth of a nine-pound baby boy. Mrs. Albert is the former Mary Murphy who was Assistant Head Nurse on the fifth floor.

The engagement of Miss Mary Wilson of the OR staff, to Mr. Warren Parent of Hull, has been announced.

Miss Margaret Gillis and Miss Theresa Woefel have returned to the seventh floor staff after an extended leave.

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Surprise "Operation Cocoanut" Drill Checks M.G.H. Disaster Preparations

"Operation Cocoanut," held on the evening of May 28, was an attempt to test the hospital's ability to handle a sudden influx of casualties, according to Dr. Daniel S. Ellis, Chairman of the Emergency Defense Committee. The drill assessed the adequacy of M.G.H. preparations for the advent of a major peacetime disaster such as a fire, explosion, or a wreck of some kind.

Volunteers who had been contacted in advance acted as victims. A large number of hospital personnel on night duty were also recruited from work on the night of the test to act as additional victims. No advance warning of the disaster was given until the very last minute when the casualties started to arrive.

About 100 such casualties were treated by the resident staff available in the hospital at the time. Medical and surgical staff members, X-Ray and auxilliary personnel organized the patients, treated them, set up facilities for admitting them rapidly, made identifications and prepared to handle inquiries from outside the hospital regarding victims. Victims were labelled to be treated for fractures, burns, chest wounds, and similar injuries. The first victim to be treated was Dr. Nathaniel Faxon, formerly Director of M.G.H. who was one of the volunteers.

Dr. Ellis' evaluation of the success of the test emphasized its value as a learning situation. "It went very well from the standpoint of finding out what the rough spots are," he said. "We observed how the hospital met the situation from three levels—the adequacy of our facilities, our supplies, and the performance of our personnel." Dr. Ellis rated the spirit of cooperation as "excellent."

Dr. Ellis also stated that this test was a considerable improvement over last year's initial test, even though

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WEEK OF JUNE 29—JULY 3 NAMED FOR BLOOD BANK DRIVE

A pint in time saves . . ., well, it saves the worry of searching for donors to replace the blood you receive as a hospital patient, and it saves the $25 per pint fee you must pay if you are unable to get donors to replace each pint you use. In order to avoid these inconveniences, the Blood Bank is inaugurating a program to take blood donations from hospital employees, and to credit blood to them in advance of any illness they or any members of their families may have. A special week has been set aside, from June 29-July 3, during which donors may sign up as regular savers in the M.G.H. Blood Bank.

Reason for Charging Employees for Blood Explained

The standard price which the Blood Bank must pay its professional donors is $25. There are very few volunteer donors, which makes it necessary to charge hospital employees when they receive blood as patients.

The Blood Bank does not make any money by charging for blood, nor will it do so under this new program, but is nevertheless interested in building up a steady reserve of blood and in helping hospital employees build blood credits for their own use, according to Dr. Morten Grove-Rasmussen, Director of the Blood Bank.

Deposit System for Blood Donations to be Used

The system will work very much in the fashion of any commercial bank, says Dr. Rasmussen, although no one will receive a monthly statement. But your deposit, of blood, will be used for current hospital needs. Then, when you or some member of your family is a patient at M.G.H., you may draw upon your reserve, and the cost of paying for the blood or replacing it, will be completely taken care of.

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Dr. Rasmussen watches Miss Rose Sherry enroll Lois Howell, R.N., in the Blood Bank program.

M.G.H. Surgeon Visits Middle East

It seems that the method by which you travel to the Middle East is just about as important as the trip itself. At least, so it seems after talking with Dr. William R. Waddell, Assistant in Surgery, who was a speaker

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Chemistry Lab To Move To New Quarters During Summer

The Chemistry labs now located on Bulfinch 4, will move to new quarters on the third floor of the Domestic Building on or about July 1, according to Mr. Carleton N. Goff, Hospital Architect. The space vacated by the Chemistry Lab will be taken over by Dr. Albright's Biology Lab.

The Domestic Building space previously housed the Huntington Memorial Laboratory, and before that, the main kitchens of the hospital were located there, prior to the completion of the White Building.

Construction of a new layout and the installation of new equipment in the Domestic Building quarters began in February.

New Equipment

Five new hoods (used in making chemical analyses) similar to those

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The Last Word

"The World" will not appear again until next September, and so, this editorial is a kind of farewell for the summer.

The last editorial of the season, like the first, ought perhaps to be something special. It should review past accomplishments, express hopes for the future, announce plans for the next season, or act in some manner, very, very important.

This editorial shall limit itself instead, to saying, very briefly, that we shall do our best in the future, as we have tried to do in the past, to make "The World" as informative, representative, and as entertaining as we can.

Other than that, we wish to express hopes that our readers will have rainless, accidentless vacations; good swimming; biting fish; completely lazy loafing; rapidly growing gardens; steadily diminishing golf scores; and the excitement of a new book, or the rediscovery of an old—as your own taste may incline you.

Look for "The World" next fall, and in the meantime—have a wonderful summer vacation!

Miss MacMackin Goes To Europe

Miss Katherine G. MacMackin, Secretary to Dr. Joseph C. Aub, sailed on June 17 for a two month visit to Europe. She expects to visit nine countries on her trip. Miss MacMackin has been Dr. Aub's Secretary for the past five years.

4-A's Adjourn For Summer Months

Although it is anticipated that individual members of the 4-A's (American Amateur Artists Association) will keep busy with paint, palette, and pencil during the summer months, the official meetings of the M.G.H. chapter will cease during the summer months. An outdoor sketching picnic at Squantum on June 13 concluded the year's activities.

The first session for next year will be on Thursday, September 24. Watch for the bulletin boards and the first issue of "The World" for further details.

DISASTER TEST

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the number of patients this time was about four times that of last year.

Background of Defense Program

The Emergency Defense Program was inaugurated in 1950 "to ensure that in case of emergency or disaster the Massachusetts General Hospital will be prepared efficiently to take such action as may be required of it by higher authority or by circumstances," according to the manual which was prepared by the first committee.

The manual deals with several different kinds of emergencies in both peace and war. Department heads have copies of the manual, prepared under the direction of Dr. Horatio Rogers, first Chairman, and Dr. Lamar Soutter, with Dr. Joseph C. Aub's assistance in the sections on radiation defense.

The practice sessions are primarily for the purpose of briefing personnel on their roles, and it is envisioned that as new techniques are developed, they will be added to the program.

"It is vital that all the hospital personnel be familiar with these plans as outlined," according to Dr. Ellis. Such a disaster as the Cocoanut Grove fire or the one simulated the other night might fall upon us at any time. As a hospital we must be prepared to meet it."

In order to ensure that various staff members will be familiar with the direction of the program, membership on the committee changes. Present members include in addition to Dr. Ellis; Dr. Dean A. Clark, General Director; Mr. Fancis Hill, Director of the Eye and Ear Infirmary; Mr. Henry Murphy, Assistant Director; Miss Ruth Sleeper, Director of the School of Nursing and Nursing Service; Dr. Charles B. Burbank, Visiting Staff, and Mr. Joseph Prekup, Assistant to Dr. Wood at McLean Hospital.

Parking, Traffic News Released

Parking arrangements continued to make news this month as Dr. Dean A. Clark's office announced that the parking situation will be improved with the tearing down of the old wooden stables and the demolition of several apartment buildings adjacent to the hospital. The areas vacated will be turned into parking space as soon as they are ready.

In addition to the parking situation itself, the traffic problem is being studied to expedite travel to and from the hospital.

North Grove St. parking regulations will be strictly enforced to ensure two-way access to the hospital. Enforcement has been difficult in the past due to the lack of parking space. North Grove is now a two-way street and Parkman St. is one-way going east.

It is hoped to reroute Fruit St. traffic which now goes from east to west so that cars may enter the hospital grounds either from Cambridge St. or by turning off Charles St. into Fruit St.

From The Editor's Mailbag

The following is taken from a letter sent in reply to an inquiry as to the nature of Miss Adele Khoury's musical activities in Cleveland, where she is currently working in Western Reserve University's School of Medicine. Those employees who have seen The M.G.H. Operetta Company in past years will recall Miss Khoury's outstanding performances as a member of the company.

"I have just finished a successful run of "Regina", a new music-drama based on the play "The Little Foxes" by Marc Blitzstein, and of all things, I had the lead role of Regina, which Tallulah Bankhead did as the stage play years ago. It was a real professional production put on by the Cleveland Playhouse and I was supposed to be a "find." "New talent" they called it.

. . . Anyway, it was wonderful publicity and made quite a splurge in the musical world. . . . Then I have done oratorio work here in Cleveland as contralto soloist and hold a fine church position as contralto soloist. I just gave a full-length recital in Akron as guest soloist with the Akron Civic Chorus and the critic was very kind.

. . . I guess that is about all I can tell you. We always look forward to hearing of the M.G.H. by The News and The World.

Very Sincerely,

Adele Khoury"

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at the Third Middle East Medical Symposium recently held in Lebanon.

Hollywood-style intrigues on board the famous Orient Express seem tame after travelling at 500 miles per hour in a jet liner from London to Beirut, Lebanon.

The Medical Symposium which Dr. Waddell addressed after he landed, was held at the Medical School of the American University of Beirut, a privately endowed, modern co-educational university. The Medical School of the American University was organized in 1867.

Sponsorship of the Symposium, described by Dr. Waddell as "very much like an American Medical Association Convention," included the Medical School Alumnae Association, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, the World Health Organization, and United States Armed Forces personnel stationed in Europe.

Did You Know?

The Bulfinch Building is named for its designer, Charles Bulfinch, who also designed the State House, Faneuil Hall, Harvard's University Hall (where his portrait hangs), and the West Portico of the Capitol at Washington. Built of Chelmsford granite which was hammered by convicts in the State Prison, it was finished on September 1, 1821. A descendent of Charles Bulfinch was a member of the architectural firm which designed the new Research Building.

The scientific program emphasized special health problems of the Middle East—problems of epidemic and parasitic diseases.

In reference to conditions in Lebanon and Syria, Dr. Waddell noted that "the situation is not explosive in the sense that most people think it is. That is, in the sense that war is imminent. It is not."

"But it is true," he adds, "that tensions are kept at a high pitch by the presence of some 800,000 refugees from Israel, living in D.P. camps."

Speaking about economic conditions as he observed them, Dr. Waddell noted that although Lebanon has a large population of very poor people, the country is highly productive, and Beirut itself is a large, modern city, teaming with American business men who trade in the brocades, rugs, metal jewelry, and agricultural products which Lebanon produces.

An economic problem metioned by Dr. Waddell is that women, about one third of whom are still veiled, have very slowly been integrated into the economic system as workers. Educated women do not like to do manual work of any kind, and Dr. Waddell mentioned that Miss Helen French, formerly M.G.H. Admitting Office nurse, now Surgical Supervisor at the Nursing School at Beirut, mentioned the difficulty in getting women to go into nursing.

Dr. Waddell also visited Damascus and the continent in the course of his trip.

Warren Library Available For Patients, Personnel

It was almost 112 years ago that Dr. John C. Warren gave a substantial sum of money to the Massachusetts General Hospital "for the purchase of religious and moral books" to be loaned to patients when they left the hospital to go home.

The library for patients and staff in the basement of Bulfinch was subsequently named for Dr. Warren, who was the surgeon in the famous ether demonstration of 1846.

The Warren Library of 1953 is a far cry from that of the mid-1800's. Consisting of over 4000 volumes, the collection circulated 49,031 books last year, according to Mrs. Kathleen Sergott, Librarian.

Three times weekly, Mrs. Sergott, and Mrs. Kate Brackett, aided by a group of volunteers—Mrs. A. Lund, Mrs. John T. Lee, Mrs. Jacob Lerman, and Miss Dorothy Bartol—cover the entire hospital with their book carts. In addition, ambulatory paients come down to the library to browse or read magazines and newspapers.

"Our primary purpose is to serve the patient, but staff people are welcome to use the library too," says Mrs. Sergott.

The library is open from 8:30 until 4:00 on weekdays, and until noon on Saturdays. Books may be taken out for two weeks; a card holder may withdraw as many books as he desires.

New volumes recently purchased by the Library include, "Stephania" by Ilona Karmel (reviewed in last month's "World"), "The Dark Angel" by Mika Waltan, "Great American Short Stories" edited by A. Grove Day, "The Private Dining Room" by Ogden Nash, and "Kiss Me Again, Stranger," by Daphne Du Maurier.

Social Workers Train at M.G.H.

M.G.H. has been the training center for social workers for many years. This year, staff members enjoyed and shared their experiences with eight students from the schools of social work in and around Boston. Katherine Clement and Betty Eckhoff, second year students, and Jean Kinningham, third year student from the Smith College School of Social Work were placed in the Psychiatric Clinic, as were Ruth Rosen and Maxine Freeman of the Simmons School of Social Work.

Three students receiving their training in the medical aspect of social work were Rosemary Rubbico and Ruth Snedeker from Simmons and Mr. Gerald St. Dennis from Boston College. All are candidates for the Master's Degree in Social Work. Margery Pushner of Simmons also did her first year work at M.G.H.

Dr. Oliver Dies

Dr. E. Lawrence Oliver, for many years, chief of the Dermatological Service at M.G.H. died in the Baker Memorial on June 12. Dr. Oliver, who had been living in Florida, held the position of Honorary Physician at the time of his death.

Final Report On Accidents For Year

The Hospital Safety Committee reports that the lost time accidents are on the decline this year. Only the minor accidents have increased. These smaller accidents are responsible for the comparatively high number of total accidents during the past year. (See Accident List to the right.) These statistics should serve as a warning to employees to keep alert in order to avoid ordinary day-to-day hazards. Failure to follow instructions, to observe surrounding situations, or failure to pay attention to what we are doing causes these minor accidents. Small mishaps are not, however, to be ignored. The habit of carelessness can cause serious trouble. Constant safety-mindedness remains the goal for this, and every year.

ACCIDENT TOLL

May 1952	May 1953
116	**137**

Make CARE your Symbol of SAFETY

Volunteers Miss Blanche Haulahan, left, and Mrs. Francis M. Rackeman process the records as Miss Howell looks on.

BLOOD BANK DRIVE
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There will be a three month waiting period between donations and, according to standard procedure, donors will be tested before each donation to make sure that they are in good health.

Sign Up at Blood Bank off Brick Corridor

During the week of June 29-July 3, Miss Rose Sherry, Secretary in the Blood Bank, will take the names of all those who are interested in joining the program. She will keep a separate file listing the numbers of pints donated by each member, and will make appointments for the donations.

Call Ext. 2161 or see Miss Sherry at the Blood Bank during that week, or at any time, to become a regular depositor in the M.G.H. Blood Bank.

Dieticians Attend New Hampshire Meeting

Dietetic Interns Josephine Bergeron and Louise Laemmrich attended the spring meeting of the New Hampshire Dietetic Association.

Dan Lowe Wins YMCA Award

Danny Lowe of the Maintenance Department was honored by the Cambridge YMCA when he was given the annual honor award for the outstanding contribution to the physical department program. He has been a volunteer leader and instructor of wrestling and weight lifting. Mr. Lowe, President of the M.G.H. Chess Club, also gives instruction in civil service examinations for the Police and Fire Departments. Mr. Lowe, in addition to his Y work, and his interest in chess, is a professional wrestler.

Miss Mary Rota takes a pint of blood from Miss Howell.

NEW CHEMISTRY LAB
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installed in the Research Building have been provided.

The counter tops are made of silvery serpentine stone, a highly acid-resistant stone imported from Italy.

Air, gas, and vacuum outlets will be piped to each worktop area as well as to the hoods. Distilled water will be piped through aluminum tubes to each sink. Dr. Ivan D. Frantz, Jr. (Chief Cardiovascular Investigator) states that aluminum piping is used because it is the cheapest and most practical of those materials that do not deposit impurities in the distilled water. Dr. Frantz metioned that when the Research Building was planned, tests of the equipment at Harvard's Mallinckrodt Chemistry Building showed that aluminum was the most practical material to use.

Modern Design To Make Chem. Lab Healthy Place To Work

There will be new fluorescent lighting throughout the lab, and a mechanical ventilating system will provide ten complete changes of air hourly. According to Mr. Goff, these features should provide optimal working conditions in line with the latest knowledge of classroom and laboratory design.

An 18 by 10 foot cold room has been provided. Miss Grace Rourke, Chief Chemist in the Chemistry Lab says that "it's too bad the temperature in there is kept at 38°. The walls look like silver, and if you added a paper moon, it'd be a wonderful place for a dance."

Work and Space Saving Devices

A receiving and dispensing window is planned to facilitate delivery of specimens and to reduce traffic in the work areas of the lab itself.

Under the workbenches are cupboards and cabinets which are built on casters. They can be pulled out and their tops used as extra workspace. The arrangement was designed by Mr. Goff and built by the Cabinet Shop when Dr. Walter Kerr's (Surgery) small lab was being planned. This space saving device was transferred to plans for the Chemistry Lab.

Suggestion Awards

A number of awards have been made this month. Cecily Dean of the Language Clinic, Polly Jaques, R.N., of the White Building Recovery Room, Dr. Donald Gribetz of Children's Medical, James Shaw, White Building elevator operator, Miss Winifred Wilson, nurse in Staff Clinic, Hugh Heney of the Appliance Room, and Miss Beatrice Kanter of Public Relations, have all been sent checks for their suggestions. Although "The World" will not be published during the summer, your suggestions will till be processed, so send them in!

"Checks" Records Class Activities

Final plans are underway for the publication of the 1953-1954 "Checks." This is the yearbook which is edited each year by the graduating class. It bears the name "Checks" as a symbol of the checked student uniform.

The book will not be distributed until August because the class voted to have June graduation exercises included in the book.

A leather covered book of approximately 90 pages, "Checks" will describe the variety of classes and activities that make up the students' lives.

The "Checks" staff includes: Co-Editors, Marilyn Marzelli and Irene Webler; Associate Editors, Judith Gilmore, Editorials, Marjorie Ratchford, Art, Louanne Van Ham, Photography, Faye Scribner, Business, and Dorothy Wallenius, Typing; and regular staff members S. Sweeney, J. Thornton, J. Sivret, P. Tucker, J. Manfredonia, H. Fliege, A. Lynch, J. Rodrick, and M. Groetz.

State Student Nurse Organization Meets

M.G.H. student nurses attended the State Student Council Meeting of the Nightingale Service for State Student Nurses which was held on Thursday, May 28, in the John Hancock Hall. Nurses from all over the state attended the meeting, which was addressed by Miss Ruth Sleeper, in their uniforms. Miss Bonnie Gough of M.G.H. is President of the Massachusetts State Council.

B.U. Honors Miss Sleeper With L.H.D. Degree

Miss Ruth Sleeper, Director of the School of Nursing and Nursing Service, was awarded the degree of doctor of humanities by Boston University at its graduation exercises at the Boston Garden, on June 8.

In his citation, Boston University's President Case said, "Ruth Sleeper, Director of the School of Nursing and Nursing Service, Massachusetts General Hospital, since 1946; Past President of the National League of Nursing Education; First President of the new National League for Nursing; distinguished leader in the improvement of education and the use of the services of nurses; exponent and friend of international goodwill; you have given nursing graciousness, and by improving its standards, you have enhanced the health of many people."

Nurse Wins Award For Paper

The Massachusetts Society of X-Ray Technicians has awarded a second prize to Miss Felicia Strympek, Head Nurse and technician, for her paper on angiography (Outlining of a blood vessel by the injection of dye to enable study of the vessel by X-Ray).

Graduation Exercises Held At Saunders Theatre, Harvard

120 Receive Diplomas

Graduation exercises for this year's nursing class were held on Friday, June 5, at 3:00 p.m. in Harvard's Sander's Theatre. Dr. Dean A. Clark, General Director, was the main speaker. Dr. Clark's address emphasized the changes that modern specialization and the increased size of hospitals have brought to the nursing profession.

Diplomas were given to 116 class members by Mr. John Lawrence, Trustee. Diplomas also went to four members of the joint degree program of Radcliffe College.

The black velvet bands which indicated the Registered Nurse are not awarded until the state examinations are completed. State regulations require that a full three calendar years be completed before the bands may be worn, so the June graduates will not actually be finished until September or March, depending upon which time of the year they began training. At that time, ceremonies will be held in the hospital to bestow the black bands.

Officers of the graduating class include, Barbara Bullard, President, Janice Gillette, Vice-President, Emily Thibodeau, Secretary, and Barbara McGarrity, Treasurer.

Dr. Smith-Petersen Dies

Dr. Marius N. Smith-Petersen, former Chief of the Orthopedic Surgery Service and member of the Board of Consultation died on June 16 in the Phillips House. Born in Norway, Dr. Smith-Petersen came to America at the age of 17. He was a graduate of the University of Chicago and Wisconsin, and of Harvard Medical School.

Miss Sleeper Reports On U.N. Meeting

Miss Ruth Sleeper, Director of the School of Nursing and Nursing Service has returned from the Sixth World Health Assembly in Geneva, where she was a member of the official U.S. delegation.

Delegates from 74 member nations met to set up the program and to approve the budget of the "non-political health arm" of the United Nations.

In describing the work of the Assembly, Miss Sleeper said, "the big assembly meets to elect certain of its officers and it gives final approval to committee reports. Actually, the work of the organization is done in the smaller committees."

The smaller committees considered problems of administration and finance, made plans for the following year's activities, and reviewed the work of the past year.

The delegates were divided into technical committees studying major world health problems—tuberculosis, syphilis, and typhoid.

During the year, when the assembly is not meeting, the W.H.O. staff, which totals 1197, studies health problems and encourages member nations to follow their recommendations.

When a nation requests W.H.O. assistance, the U.N. specialized agency sends out a team of experts. Usually, that includes a doctor who specializes in the particular problem involved (malaria, typhoid, or venereal diseases, for example), a public health worker, and a nurse. These experts perform an "enabling act", in Miss Sleeper's words. That is, they do not do the work of carrying out recommendations themselves. They study the situation, provide technical know-how, make suggestions, teach local people what to do and how to do it, but the nation itself does the job.

W.H.O. also aids world health by providing fellowships for study, by maintaning teaching programs, and by providing experts on specialized problems.

...TO CAP THINGS OFF JUST RIGHT...

EVOLUTION OF A NURSES' CAP

1888

MISS ALMA PALMBERG
One of the early M. G. H. graduates

1953

MISS KATHLEEN LOGAN
Head Nurse in the Phillips House for 24 years

STUDENTS FROM SCHOOL OF NURSING AFFILIATED WITH M. G. H.

The first M.G.H. cap, adopted in November, 1878, was made to cover the nurse's hair. The present cap, made of gathered crinoline, is called the "puff" cap.

MISS CAROLYN SONNIKSEN
Simmons College, Boston

MISS NANCY AITCHESON
Leominster Hospital School of Nursing, Leominster

MISS FAITH WHITING
New England Baptist Hospital, Boston

MISS HELEN IRENE MELEEDY
McLean Hospital, Waverley

MISS JANE E. CONLON
St. Anne's School of Nursing, Fall River

MISS CAROLYN D. PLASS
Henry W. Bishop III Memorial School of Nursing, Pittsfield

Students from these six schools of nursing are affiliated with the M.G.H. In those schools the student and graduate caps are the same, the main distinction lies in the uniform. In all schools the graduate nurse can be identified by her school pin.

GRADUATE NURSES FROM AMERICA

ANNE FLOYD, R.N.
St. Martha's Hospital, Antigonish, Nova Scotia

HÉLÈNE ANDERSON CROWELL, R.N.
Hartford General Hospital

DORRIS A. HAMM, R.N.
Grady Memorial Hospital, Atlanta, Georgia

There are over 400 graduate nurses at M.G.H., representing 143 different schools of nursing.

...TO CAP THINGS OFF JUST RIGHT...

M. G. H. STUDENT AND GRADUATE CAPS

MISS JOAN HIPSKY
Student Cap

MISS MARCIA MUIR
School Cap

MARY D. HEALY, R.N.
Graduate Cap

The M.G.H. student nurse wears the "flat top" for her first twenty-eight months in training. At her Capping Ceremony, she receives her school cap, the "high hat", which signifies that she is a senior. A wide black velvet band indicates that she is a graduate nurse.

GRADUATE NURSES FROM ABROAD

ROSEMARY ROBERTSON, R.N.
Middlesex Hospital, London, England

MERCEDES ADEVA, R.N.
Philippine General Hospital

ESTER BIRKOV-ANDERSEN, R.N.
Odense Amts og Bys Sygehus, Denmark

There are eight graduate nurses from abroad at the M.G.H. Their caps have come from two main sources: early religious and military nursing orders, and the dainty cap every lady wore indoors in Florence Nightingale's time.

STUDENT AND LICENSED ATTENDANTS

MISS MARILYN GERACE
Student Attendant, Household Nursing Association, Boston

MISS MARY FRANCES O'KEEFE
Licensed Attendant, Holy Ghost Hospital, Cambridge

SHEILA JOHNSTON, R.N.
St. Georges Hospital, London, England

Schools for attendant nurses have distinct styles of caps as do schools of nursing. At the present time there are twenty-five licensed attendants at M.G.H., in the Baker Memorial, and five of these are men.

GRADUATE NURSES FROM AMERICA

LUCILLE MACBETH, R.N.
St. Luke's Hospital, N. Y.

LORRAINE KOMPANEK, R.N.
Memorial Hospital, Cumberland, Maryland

PHYLLIS J. MLINAR, R.N.
University of Minnesota

ABOUT FOLKS

Nursing

New Appointments: Miss Edna Hackett has joined the ward secretary group. She is working in the Overnight Ward. Since the completion of their course, several of the aides have gone to new assignments. Miss Jacqueline Carter is relieving on White 12 and in the Emergency Ward during the evening period. Miss Helen Consodine has replaced Mrs. Elso Newman on White 8. Miss Annabelle Mouteiro is enjoying the experience of being a "night float." Mrs. Mary Riley has become the permanent night aide on White 12. Miss Margaret Keller has joined the Overnight Ward as Head Nurse replacing Miss Harriet Small. Miss Small was honored at a dinner at Durgin Park before her departure to move to the John Hancock Clinic.

Chemistry Lab News

Poppy Apidianakis is hard at work again in the Chemistry Lab after a honeymoon trip to the Bermudas. Poppy became Mrs. James Frank on Sunday, April 26.

Chemist Alice Rilcy is planning a September wedding to John Markham.

Dietary Tidbits

This is the day of the Super Market —the age in which the average housewife deals with a store which stocks many thousands of items and many thousands of dollars are involved in the sale of these foods. But in terms of amounts, the M.G.H. Food Store compares very well with any Super Market.

Our Food Store handles $200,000 worth of commodities each year! All raw food supplies needed to feed the hospital personnel and the patients are received in that unit, and they are either stored there or distributed to the production areas.

Edward Davock supervises six men who have the responsibility of handling the large volume of material going through the Food Store. They are: Joseph Blanchard, Frank Hamilton, Raymond Steptoe, Edwin Strickland, Patrick Sweeney, and Harold Tanner. Mrs. Ruth Powers, Mrs. Shirley Mitchell, and John Millgate are also assigned to the Food Store. They are responsible for keeping the accounts in order.

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Douglas Peay, Head Butcher, spends much of his leisure time on his garden. Doug had to wait a long time for warm weather this year, but he is looking forward to growing a beautiful garden especially his favorites—peonies and roses.

Eye And Ear Infirmary

Within recent months there have been several changes in Infirmary personnel and there will be at least one more in the immediate future. Miss Martha Davidson, R.N. has resigned as an Infirmary Admitting Officer and will leave the Hospital in early July to be married.

Miss Davidson is succeeded by Miss Ethel MacNamara, R.N. who began her work at the Infirmary on June 8. Miss MacNamara is a graduate of the M.G.H. and has been doing private duty nursing at the Phillips House.

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Two new employees are working on Eye and Ear records. Miss Laura Pechilis is the record secretary for the Infirmary. Miss Pechilis, before taking over her new position, was a member of the correspondence division of the Record Department.

The second new employee is Miss Jacqueline Sinnott, who has been working at the Infirmary since April, as medical stenographer. She was herself a patient at the Hospital during the spring and summer of 1951, when an explosion during a chemistry class caused very serious injury with loss of vision to both of her eyes. Miss Sinnott attended Perkins Institute before coming to her post at the Infirmary. She is now on leave of absence and is taking instruction in Morristown, New Jersey in the use of a seeing eye dog.

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There have also been changes in personnel in the Boston Eye Bank and the Public Relations offices. On May 28, an Open House for both departments was held in order to express good wishes to Miss Phyllis Scott, the former Executive Secretary of the Eye Bank and Director of the Volunteer Department, and to Miss Barbara Singer, Public Relations Assistant. Miss Scott resigned to be married and Miss Singer planned travel abroad and further study. Miss Singer has been "The World's" correspondent from the Eye and Ear Infirmary.

The Open House was both a goodbye party and an informal welcome to the Infirmary for Miss Marilyn Myers who succeeded Miss Scott and Miss Marjorie MacKenzie, the new member of the Public Relations Office.

During the past year, the Ladies Visiting Committee has done a great deal of planning and work to make the ward lounges more comfortable and pleasant. The rooms have been painted and refurnished. A set of attractive prints were hung. Recently, two television sets, one for each ward floor, were presented to the Hospital. The gifts were made by Mrs. Valentine Hollingsworth and Mr. Chandler Hovey through the auspices of the Ladies Visiting Committee. The sets will do much to make hospital hours pass more quickly for many grateful patients.

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Social Service

Following a busy five weeks touring France with the Cecilia Society choral group, Miss Martha Sherwood and Miss Marianne Richardson, social workers in the Psychiatric Clinic are back at work. The group sailed from New York aboard the French liner Liberté, and presented concerts in Paris, Dijon, Strassbourg, Reims, Lille, Amiens, and Rouen. Proceeds from the concerts will help with the restoration of Versailles and replace stained glass windows in the cathedral at Reims.

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Another visitor abroad this spring, was Miss Beatrice Simmons, secretary in the Bulfinch office. Miss Simmons is wearing a charm bracelet made of mementos from all the stops on her trip.

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Mrs. Janet Phillips, social worker in the Children's Medical Clinic has left the department. She is expecting a baby in June. Miss Patricia Henshaw will replace Mrs. Phillips.

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Sewing Room

Her twelve years of service to the Sewing Room were recognized when a group of co-workers feted Mrs. Helen Malbandian on May 15.

Accounting

Congratulations to the former Mary O'Connell of Patients' Accounts on her marriage to James McDonald.

Zita Murgo, formerly of the Payroll Office is the mother of a seven and a half pound baby girl.

Additions to the Baby Department: Dawn Martin (daughter of Mr. Lawrence Martin, Comptroller), Wayne Emrich (son of Mr. Harold Emrich, Assistant Comptroller), and Christine Burns (daughter of Robert Burns, Accountant).

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Dr. Barr Visits Indonesia

The sixth largest country in the world, three-year old Indonesia, is suffering from the growing pains of any young nation, according to Dr. Joseph A. Barr, Chief of Orthopedic Surgery, who recommends that we remember the struggling first days of our own Republic when we review the achievements and failures of the sprawling chain of islands in Southeast Asia.

Dr. Barr has returned from eight weeks in Indonesia as a member of an international team of experts asked

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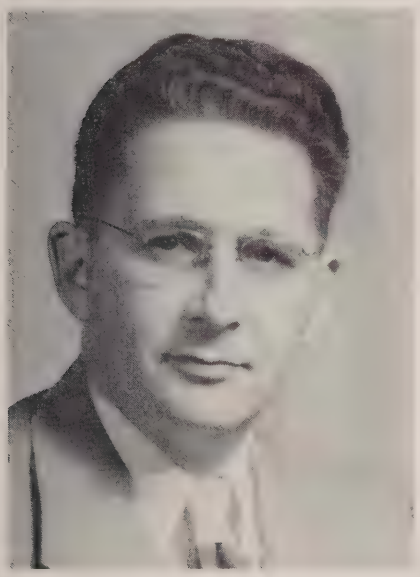

Dr. Neumann Named Administrator

The appointment of Dr. Ellsworth T. Neumann as Administrator of the hospital has been announced. The appointment, effective September 1, 1953, is a newly created position. Dr. Neumann's previous position, as Executive Officer, was also one which was new at the time he assumed the position.

Dr. Neumann's background includes training at the Columbia School of Public Health, Bellevue Hospital in New York, and before coming to M.G.H. in 1949, Roosevelt Hospital, also in New York.

Blue Cross Group Opening Set For October 6-7

Applications To Be Accepted For Pre-Payment Plan

The M.G.H. group opening for Blue Cross-Blue Shield memberships has been scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 6-7, according to Mrs. Adeline Still, Personnel, who is in charge of applications. During that time, employees who did not join within the 30 day period immediately after their employment, or those who might wish to change or add to their coverage may sign up.

How Applications May Be Made

Details of the coverage available will be included in notices which will accompany paychecks just before the group opening begins. A white Blue Cross-Blue Shield application card and a yellow adjustment card will be included.

The white application card is to be filled out for a new application. If you are already a member, use the yellow adjustment card to change your membership to the coverage you want.

Mr. Joseph Dorsey of Blue Cross-Blue Shield will be here at the hospital to help answer any questions. Another representative of the pre-payment group will be here to answer questions in the front lobby. Mr. Dorsey will be located in the corridor by East Cafeteria.

Blue Cross Benefits Explained

Mrs. Still, the Blue Cross-Blue Shield remitting agent, explained that although hospital employees may receive care in the hospital without charge, they will also get their weekly pay-checks for the period of their hospitalization, as long as the hospital receives full Blue Cross reimbursement.

Employees who become patients in Baker Memorial or Phillips House do not receive free hospitalization. Blue Cross-Blue Shield is of benefit to them in paying for the bill they will receive

Mrs. Adeline Still shows Thomas P. Henchey of Hospital Dispatch where to sign for Blue Cross membership.

as patients in either Baker or Phillips House. Blue Cross members will also get salaries commensurate with the length of their employment.

Last Opening 'Til '54

The group openings of Blue Cross-Blue Shield occur only once each year. Employees of M.G.H. who wish to join either group must join now, or wait until 1954.

Four A's At It Again

Stop and Look for posters and exhibits in the Brick Corridor announcing future plans for the American Amateur Artists Association.

From September 14 to October 30, exhibits of art work done by last year's members of the hospital group will be on display. Members should contact Miss Anna Viden, General Nursing, with their exhibit material. Mrs. Muriel M. Miller, Medical Illustration, announced to The World, that the Four-A's leadership does not have means of contacting all of its past members, so this announcement should be passed on to all members. Bring your material for exhibit to Miss Viden's office, White 1.

Classes offered this year will be as follows: Beginners, instructed by Roy Wall of the School of Medical Illustration; Life Drawing, instructed by Nicholas Mackovak, also of the School

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The Forty Hour Week

Starting on October 1, all employees of the hospital and of the Eye and Ear Infirmary will go on a 40 hour work week. During the transition period, adjustments will have to be made. Some employees may have to work beyond 40 hours until additional people are hired to supply the necessary coverage under the 40 hour pattern.

However, many departments, because of the nature of their work, cannot go on a five-day, Monday through Friday schedule. It will still be necessary for some of us to work on Saturdays and/or Sundays.

Those who work on these weekend shifts will be compensated with time off during the week so that the 40 hour week will be maintained.

During the transition period, adjustments will have to be made. Some employees may have to work beyond 40 hours until additional people are hired to supply the necessary coverage under the 40 hour pattern.

The reduction in hours will make acute, the current personnel shortage. As a hospital, we cannot cut corners on the services we render. We can, however, by keeping alert and questioning everything we do, eliminate unnecessary steps in connection with our work. There may be complicated procedures which we can simplify, making our individual jobs **easier** at the same time that we do them **better**. A well spent 40 hours can be more effective than 44 or even 48 hours inefficiently spent.

Cross of the French Legion of Honor.

Dr. Churchill Honored By French Government

Dr. Edward D. Churchill, Chief of the Surgical Service, has been made a Knight of the Cross of the French Legion of Honor by decree of the President of the French Republic. Bestowed on July 14, by M. François Charles-Roux, Counsul General of France in Boston, the citation notes that the honor is given, "as a token of appreciation for his remarkable achievements in the field of surgery, and of gratitude for his outstanding contribution in fostering closer cooperation between the scientists of the two countries."

Bulfinch Yard Gets Face Lifted

Just grit your teeth for a while longer — those pneumatic hammers whose clatter has been shattering the air these past few weeks are going to make the Bulfinch lawn into a recreation area in miniature. According to Mr. Raymond Kinsman, Maintenance Department head, the area between Bartlett Hall and the Moseley Building will be completely renovated by the middle of October.

The recreational facilities will include the tennis court, which will be painted green, a badminton court, and a place for paddle tennis, where the apartments facing Parkman Street were located. The tennis court is equipped with drains for flooding, and it is hoped to have ice-skating there during the colder part of the winter.

Between Bartlett Hall and the tennis court there will be space for other lawn games, and between the court and the Moseley Building, there will be a children's play area.

Lawns, Trees, Patio Added

The Bulfinch lawn will be put back to its original use as an area where patients may relax informally in good weather.

The walk along the outside of the Moseley Building will be torn down. There will be a short stairway immediately outside the door leading from the Flower Shop, and a patio will replace the old walk.

Along Parkman Street, an iron picket fence will be erected to close off the area from the street.

In addition to the new grass, a good many shrubs and trees will be planted so that the area, open to all employees, will be vastly improved in appearance.

Much of the cost of these improvements has been paid for as the gift of friends of the hospital, according to Mr. Kinsman.

Register and Vote!

It is at local elections that school boards are chosen, city officials named, and all of the smaller, but vitally important boards and offices relating to our local government, are filled. Despite the lack of television speeches, and advertising gimmicks to attract our attention, these elections are important, and warrant our careful consideration. If we have children, we should be interested in who sits on the school board. If we drive and try to park our cars, we should be concerned about our Safety Director, our Mayor, or our Board of Aldermen. Registration dates vary from community to community, but the final day throughout the state is **October 11.** The election is to be held on November 3. Call your local Board of Elections and make sure that you are registered to vote.

FOUR A'S AT IT AGAIN

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of Medical Illustration; Pencil Sketching, under the direction of Miss Anna Viden, Supervisor in the Nursing Department; Oil Painting will be taught by Miss Alberta Sills of the X-Ray Department; Water Colors will be taught by Jack Desley of the Medical Art Department; and Arts and Crafts will have an instructor to be announced on the posters in the halls.

The first meeting of the group, open to anyone who works here at the hospital, will be on Thursday, September 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the Doctors Dining Room.

Miss Mary Nesbitt, 3rd from left, coming ashore at Pearl Harbor from the hospital ship Repose, with the members of Operation V.I.P.
Official U. S. Navy Photograph

The Repose is greeted by Hula dancers as the passengers are about to go ashore.
Official U. S. Navy Photograph

Miss Nesbitt Becomes V.I.P.

An invitation to be a member of the U. S. Navy's "Operation V.I.P." was the opportunity for Miss Mary E. Nesbitt, Supervisor in the Occupational Therapy Department, to get an inside glimpse into the way the Navy Department cares for men wounded in combat. Her trip, as a member of a group of business and professional women invited by the Secretary of the Navy to visit hospital facilities, also afforded her the chance to visit the Hawaiian Islands. Miss Nesbitt represented the American Physical Therapy Association, of which she is vice-president.

The group left on May 17. They sailed for Pearl Harbor on the hospital ship, "U.S.S. Repose." The Repose is one of three such vessels in action during the Korean conflict. It carries a crew of 600 officers and men, and 780 patients. According to Miss Nesbitt, "Surgical and post operative care of the wounded, and the treatment of the physically and mentally ill at the front, is the primary mission of the hospital ship." The Repose had admitted about 16,000 casualties, and had cared for 10,000 out-patients during the Korean War.

The group of 15 women—including a wave escort arrived in Hawaii to the traditional welcome of leis and dancers. Their itinerary in Hawaii included inspection tours of naval, army, and air installations on the Island of Oahu, a meeting with Admiral Arthur W. Radford, now Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and a visit to Pearl Harbor.

In commenting upon her impressions of the Navy at work, Miss Nesbitt emphasized the "cost-consciousness" of the service. The charges of waste and extravagance which are so often levelled at the services are not true of the part of the Navy seen by Miss Nesbitt. The participants of "Operation V.I.P.", for example, paid for their own lodgings, linens, and civilian transportation.

Miss Nesbitt's report on her trip will shortly appear in the Physical Therapy Review, the formal publication of the American Physical Therapy Association.

Wanted: Talent

Can you sketch? Make a pen and ink drawing? Draw a cartoon? Then you're just the person we need. Contact Miss Lubell in the Personnel Office, and we'll make you a part of the editorial board of "The World". Don't be shy! We're particularly looking for amateurs.

Marjorie Shea Joins Community Relations Staff

Miss Marjorie L. Shea has been named Associate Community Relations Consultant. In this capacity she will assist Mrs. Soma Weiss, Community Relations Director. Her appointment was effective, September 1.

OPD Gets Color-Wise Decorates In Pastels

The second floor corridor of the Out-Patient Department looks like a breath of spring, even though autumn is just around the corner.

Instead of the traditional two-tone color scheme on the walls, this "Test Corridor", as it might be called, uses a different combination of colors on each section of the wall, so that a stroll down OPD 2 keeps presenting something new to look at.

Soft shades of gray, yellow, and blue predominate, but they are combined in a dozen different ways. Pearl gray is contrasted with yellow, then with a darker gray, and even with terra cotta. Lemon yellow fills a whole wall, and then is seen contrasted with gray.

Miss Florence Giberti (Executive Assistant in the Out Patient Department) reports that floor tiling will be put in. She says further, that the decorating plans for the rest of OPD are not yet completed, so that the color scheme on the second floor may not be used in the rest of the building. At any rate, since the results of this first venture into color are so pleasing, we can look forward to seeing the rest of OPD with some anticipation.

Did You Know?

The caduceus (pronounced kad-u-se-us), which is supposed to represent the wand of Hermes or Mercury, the messenger of the gods, is almost always used as the symbol of the medical and allied professions, as well as of the Medical Corp of the United State Army. Historians have traced back the use of both the serpents and the winged staff to very early Egyptian days. In recent years, scholars have argued that the use of two serpents twined about the wand is incorrect. They point out that the early Greek symbol for healing employed but one serpent, but the error has become widely accepted, and it seems likely that it will continue to be used, at least in this country. The article on the Thyroid Clinic and Metabolism Lab on pages four and five is headed by a caduceus.

About Medicine

With this first issue of the new season, we begin a new series, About Medicine, in which we shall attempt to round out our coverage of what goes on at M.G.H. with a series of reports on the activities of the various clinics and labs. Everyone is familiar, in a somewhat vague fashion, with the medical aspects of the hospital, but very few of us know specifically what goes on from day to day, in the very institution in which we work. It is in an attempt to fill in that knowledge, that this column has been inaugurated. This month we turn to the Bulfinch Building, and the THYROID CLINIC and METABOLISM LAB.

In addition to the metabolism test for which it is best known, the Thyroid Clinic, directed by Dr. John B. Stanbury, is concerned with patient care, and the clinical and laboratory investigation into the nature and role of the thyroid gland, as well as of the entire endocrine (ductless gland) system.

It is the metabolism test which is best known to the general public, but which is actually understood in only the vaguest sense. In brief, the basal metabolism test measures the amount of oxygen consumed by the body. It is a diagnostic procedure, on the one hand, and a method of following a patient's progress, on the other.

How Tests Are Taken

The administering of the tests in the clinic begins at 7:00 a.m., when the house patients come down to start the half hour rest period necessary before the actual test begins.

Since the accurate measuring of oxygen used by the body is the object of the test, possible sources of air leakage are checked. For example, dentures must be worn by patients who have lost their own teeth.

The six minute tests are begun by placing tabs between, and on top of the teeth, and under the lips. Small pinchers block off breathing through the nose, so that the patient may breath entirely through a mouthpiece attached to a nearby tank. Attached to the tank is a moving cylinder on which the rate of oxygen consumption is measured in red ink on graph paper, as the patient s breathing moves it up and down.

During the test, an accuracy check is made to ensure that no leakage is taking place. The patient's pulse, and the temperature of the machine itself are taken at this time.

Grace McKenny, secretary-technician in the Thyroid Clinic adjusts nose blocks on "patient" Elvira Venezia, technician, in a demonstration of the metabolism test. The patient's basal metabolic rate is measured on the graph paper cylinder at the right. The cylinder in the center moves up and down as the patient breathes the oxygen.

A second test is taken, and then a third, if necessary. Although the patient does not suffer discomfort, three tests at one time is usually the limit attempted to get good results.

Scoring The Test

The basal metabolism rate, that is, the total oxygen consumption measured in caloric (heat-energy) units is determined, using the test with the lowest set of figures. The actual oxygen consumption of the patient does not tell anything by itself. When the patient's age, sex, height, and weight, and the barometric pressure are taken into consideration, a comparison with a normal standard figure is made. Instead of using calorie consumption per square meter of body surface, per hour, a percentage deviation from the standard is used. When this simpler, more usable figure varies from the standard by more than plus or minus ten per cent, then the figure may be significant. In other words, when the patient's consumption of oxygen, as corrected by the factors of age, weight, etc., varies more than ten per cent from the normal standard, then the doctor begins to look for other symptoms.

Such variations may indicate a malfunctioning thyroid or other glandular disturbance, or they may give a clue

Technicians Vivian Mays, left, and Francis Ashodian in the Metabolism Lab.

to the source of a patient's obesity. Some diseases such as Addison's disease, or leukemia, will show unusual BMR scores, even though they are not thyroidal in nature, but the score points out possible areas of investigation. "The test alone doesn't tell you anything," explains Dr. Javis Correa, a research worker in the clinic, "The test plus the patient's history, can tell you a lot."

During the Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning clinics, unusual or difficult cases are reviewed by staff and visiting doctors. The patient is "presented" to the group; this broader background of his case is utilized, and the group discusses the diagnosis, and the possible treatments that could be used to treat the condition.

Other Clinic Activities

The basal metabolic rate determinations account for but a small fragment of the work going on in the Thyroid Clinic and Metabolism Lab, according to Dr. Stanbury.

Another test which is used, determines the rate at which radioactive iodine accumulates in the thyroid. This test tells how the thyroid is functioning. If more than 50% of the radioactive material stays in the gland, the gland may be said to be overactive.

The procedure which measures the amount of thyroid hormone in the blood is called the protein bound iodine test.

Three different aspects of the functioning of the thyroid gland are revealed by these different tests; the metabolism test indicates the way in which the body as a whole is reacting to the hormone, the protein bound iodine test indicates the amount of hormone that the gland is manufacturing, and the radioactive iodine test tells how rapidly the gland is working.

Research Activities

The Thyroid Clinic and Metabolism Labs also carry on a program of research, on the production of tumors of the thyroid gland, and on the detailed and complex ways in which the thyroid gland does its job and integrates itself into the economy of the body.

Betty Rapp, technician, is having her radioactive iodine uptake measured and calculated by Astra Birins, technician.

Personalities At M.G.H.

This month's conversation was with **John Hague** of the Upper Store. Mr. Hague has been at M.G.H. for thirty years, almost all of them, in the same department.

Born in Norway, he came to the United States when he was fifteen years old. Mr. Hague became a citizen in 1918, and says, "I have taken part in voting since I became a citizen, and I've served on the jury as well. I'm not only proud of the privileges of being a citizen, but glad of the opportunities it offers, as well."

Army Career

Mr. Hague discharged his duties as a citizen before he actually received his naturalization papers. He served in the Army from 1908 until 1918 or 1919. He served in the Cavalry, the Corps of Engineers, and one or two other units, and he got to Hawaii, the Philippine Islands, Japan, and crossed the continent more than once.

Mr. Hague went back to Norway in 1922, but he reported that he was "glad to come back. Things didn't look the same."

New England Praised

Being a New England booster seems to be part of Mr. Hague's unofficial duties. He mentioned how much of "New England style" architecture he has seen throughout the Middle West and even the far west.

"This is a great part of the country," he says. "I believe that Boston will be one of the showplaces of the nation; it will not only be up to date, but will look into the future." Mr. Hague mentioned the new expressways as an indication of the direction that Boston is taking into the future.

Mr. Hague's hobbies include photography and nature. He breaks the latter down to include fishing, and particularly, mountain climbing. "I've climbed all of the larger mountains in New England," he reports.

Views on M.G.H.

In speaking of the thirty years he has been at M.G.H., Mr. Hague says, "It has been a most interesting experience, and I'm glad to have had the opportunity to have worked here. In these thirty years, conditions have become better for the working man, and facilities have improved too." Mr. Hague spoke out for a progressive point of view when he added, "Every time a change has been made, it has been a change for the better."

Changes Through The Years Noted

The Upper Store and Lower Store of today were combined, in Mr. Hague's first days at the hospital, but they were in the same location. He cited the other changes that have taken place in his days here. "I saw the construction of the Baker Memorial Building, the White Building, the new Research Building, and of course, Bartlett Hall," he mentioned.

"I remember when all the wood was taken out of the Bulfinch Building and just the shell was left," he said, referring to the reconstruction of the first M.G.H. structure, during the 1920's. "All concrete and stone were substituted for the wood during these years, and the building was made fireproof."

Recalls Special Events

Mr. Hague also remembers the rally held on the lawn of the Bulfinch Building at the end of World War II. "It was very thrilling," he recalls. "Everyone who could be spared was out there. Everyone who had any connection with the hospital during the war years. We marched out in sections, the volunteers, the plumbers, the nursing school. There were over 5000 of us. It was a magnificent sight," he repeated.

"I've seen famous men here, and visitors from all over the world," says Mr. Hague. But he spent more time talking about the many people with whom he has worked over these thirty years of service to the hospital, than he did talking about the celebrities, either patients or doctors. "The employees have been very good and helpful to each other, so it's a pleasure to have known them." Thus did John Hague of the Upper Store sum up his attitude toward the long years that he has been a part of the M.G.H. family.

Go To College at M.G.H.? Northeastern Co-op Students Do It

M.G.H. has completed arrangements with Northeastern University to employ students who are getting their degrees on the co-operative plan. The students work for a ten or a sixteen week period at M.G.H., and then return to school while an alternate takes their place at the hospital. After his stint at books instead of at a desk or lab, the same student returns to his or her job here at the hospital. The student remains with the same job for a period of a year.

The co-op plan requires five years for the degree, be it in Education,

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MAINTENANCE DEPT. FINISHES CHEM. LAB.

DOMESTIC 3 GETS NEW TENANTS SEPT. 1

Mr. C. N. Goff, architect, right, congratulates a group representing the Maintenance Department, for a "good job well done" on the Chemistry Lab, Domestic 3. Left to right are Arthur Irwin, Plumbers, Archie Kimball, Painters, Elmer Stanley, Electricians, Joseph L. Vanella, Laborers, James Franklin, Carpenters, and Harold Wettergreen, Refrigeration.

Standing in front of one of the hoods in the Chem. Lab are technicians Phyllis Clay, Charlotte Silva, Evelyn Ramsey, Margaret Spund, and Myron Zuber. Mr. Goff and the representatives from the Maintenance Department named in picture at left, are at the right.

DR. BARR DISCUSSES INDONESIA

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by the World Health Organization to assist in the medical education problems of the country. The Unitarian Service Committee worked with the W.H.O. in getting the group of experts in different branches of medicine together. At the invitation of a country seeking assistance, the W.H.O. sends out missions such as the one with which Dr. Barr was associated. (See the June issue of The World for a report on Miss Sleeper's participation in the W.H.O. Assembly.)

Fractures In Indonesia

"The most common cause of bone fractures in Indonesia comes as a result of falls from cocoanut trees," related Dr. Barr, in mentioning his primary concern with problems of the treatment of fractures. "Next on the list is traffic accidents, number one cause in the United States," he added.

Dr. Barr found the Indonesians to be a "friendly, attractive, cultured people, particularly the Javanese and Balinese," but he also noted the tremendous problems facing them in modernizing their young country.

Overpopulation Described

"Indonesia is a large country with a population of 70 million people, 50 million of whom live on the Island of Java," he said. "Production techniques may be as good as can be expected for that part of the world, but the overpopulation keeps living standards low." The government has announced a transmigration policy, moving some of the Javanese to the less populated islands, but the program has encountered considerable opposition. Of the 30,000 islands making up Indonesia, 3,000 are inhabited. The dialects spoken in one area are not understood in another, and the transportation difficulties further discourage Javanese from leaving their home island.

Moslem-Hindu Struggle Noted

Another thorny problem is the religious conflict between the Moslem leaders, and the government. Ninety per cent of the Javanese are Mohammedans, and Moslem leaders want to make Mohammedanism a state religion, while the government, mindful of the 800,000 Balinese Hindus, is fighting for non-sectarianism.

Communist Threat Diminishing

When asked about the problem of communism, Dr. Barr said, "The government isn't very stable as yet, but there is no threat of immediate revolt from within the country." A real threat would have to come from the outside, from China, for example, or through the Malay Peninsula. 'What the Indonesians fear most," continues Dr. Barr, "is outside influence." The Indonesians who forcibly ejected their former Dutch masters after the Japanese occupation was ended, distrust the United States as well as the Dutch. They are even more wary, however, of the Chinese.

In addition to being a fiercely independent nation striving for democracy, it is important for the non-communist world to keep Indonesia's good will because of her rich natural resources. She produces tin, rubber, tea, and quinine. Nevertheless, her position in the international market has been very poor since the war.

In Dr. Barr's view, as far as America's position is concerned, "the future lies, not in giving goods, but technical assistance."

Credit Where Credit Is Due Department

Did you notice that "The World" has a brand new face, and a few additions under the front cover as well? The new insignia on Page One was drawn by the hospital Architect, Mr. C. N. Goff. The print used for the title is different too, to fit in with the New Look of Volume 10. And finally, our new column, **About Medicine**, is decorated with a caduceus drawn by John Desley of Medical Art.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Watch For These Dates

OCTOBER 7-9. Blue Cross Drive. Sign Up!

OCTOBER 12. Columbus Day. Holiday.

OCTOBER 16. Ether Day. Service Pins Awarded.

Day Nursery Latest M.G.H. "Baby"

Meeting problems with new solution is an old M.G.H. tradition, but it took the current shortage of nurses to turn part of the old Bulfinch Ward 4 into a day nursery!

Organization of Nursery

According to Miss Frances Grady, Assistant Director of Nursing Service in the Bulfinch Building, the critical period in providing nursing care came about July 1, when the hospital was faced with a 97% occupancy of beds, the vacation period, and a drop in the staff, all at one time. The department put an advertisement in the paper appealing for help, and suggested that if enough mothers were interested in enrolling their children, a nursery might be started for them.

A few calls resulted from the advertisement, and Dr. Lezer suggested going ahead with the idea of the nursery as "an experimental project or venture."

Volunteers, Church Group Aids

Colorful posters made by Nurse Polly Jacques, Recovery Room, were placed in the corridors, and a former volunteer, Miss Jean Campbell was hired as supervisor. Miss Campbell, who has a degree in education, had been doing her volunteer work in Vincent.

Mrs. Van Mirageas, left, goes off to her job as a staff nurse on Baker 8, leaving an absorbed three-year-old son Johnny, seated left, with teacher, Miss Jean Campbell, and Tommy Milns, 2½.

A section of Ward 4 at the east end of Bulfinch was converted to a playroom with the aid of some small fry sized furniture lent for the summer by the Sunday School of the Church of the Advent.

The Volunteer Department provided at least one assistant a day, and school was in session by the middle of July with hours from 8:00 to 4:30, Monday through Friday.

Supplies Help Program

A sand box, crayons, clay, paint, and the fascination of watching the drills and steam shovels in the Bulfinch yard keep the youngsters busy. The children also have their lunches and afternoon naps right here in the hospital.

Purpose of Program Discussed

The day nursery has been set up "to encourage staff nurses, to come back to work, particularly during this difficult period," explains Miss Grady. "By making a five day week possible, the program also hopes to encourage nurses to stay in nursing," she adds. Just how far the program will go cannot be forseen, until more time makes it possible to judge the overall results. But the nursing department can be proud of taking the initiative in meeting a problem with imagination and an experimental attitude.

Chaplain James H. Burns, left, Miss Ina May Greer, and Rev. Porter French with the members of the 2nd session of the Institute of Pastoral Care.

"Sky Pilots" Learn By Doing

The gray-coated men wearing little silver crosses who were seen in the halls and on the wards this summer, throw light upon another of the educational activities which go on in the busy world of M.G.H. They were all members of the Institute of Pastoral Care conducted by Chaplain James H. Burns.

For six weeks, ending August 21, thirteen clergymen and one woman religious worker attended lectures on medical and psychological problems and pastoral care, they worked as temporary orderlies, and made pastoral calls on Protestant patients.

Every summer, a similar group comes to the hospital to learn how to become participating members of the team of health workers. They come from many different parts of the country—from nearby Dorchester, and from Kansas. Some are parish ministers, some are chaplains in hospitals and state institutions. One of the men in this year's class was a chaplain at the Warm Springs Foundation for polio patients in Georgia, famous as the result of the visits of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Chaplain Burns is aided in the course by Miss Ina May Greer, Resource Associate, and Rev. Porter French, Course Assistant.

The function of the pastor in the hospital is to treat the patients as individual personalities, and as children of God. They try to bring God's love and the Church's fellowship to the patient. In their course at M.G.H., these pastors have been acquiring experience of hospital life, and an increasing awareness of the spiritual needs of patients, which should greatly enrich the work that each will do at home.

Drop That Poster!

A large number of posters seem to find their way to the bulletin boards in the brick corridor all by themselves. This may indicate self-reliance, but it's a bit hard on Mrs. Morrill of the White Information Desk, who is responsible for the assigning of space for the bulletin boards. Mrs. Morrill will be glad to help in getting your signs on display, and she will see that they are taken down when the event described is finished, but she needs your cooperation.

Please Take All Posters To Mrs. Morrill At The White Information Desk Before Placing Them On The Bulletin Board.

GO TO COLLEGE AT M.G.H.

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Liberal Arts, or Business Administration. If the employer and the student are willing, the student may do all of his job requirement at the same institution.

Aims of Program

Northeastern is the first eastern school to use the co-op plan, long used at Antioch College in Ohio, and at the University of Cincinnati. It is the only such school in New England.

The attempt is made to fit the academic interests of the student to a job which is closely related. It is also hoped that the student may go into the organization where he has done his co-op work, after his graduation, and school authorities report a large number of such cases.

Northeastern students now at M.G.H. include, Bernice Goldberg, Personnel, Shirley Phillips, Ann Foley, David Kirk, Robert Nolan, and Phoebe Crane, all working in the Robert W. Lovett Memorial Laboratory for the Study of Crippling Diseases (Arthritic Research), and April Bacon, in Medical Records.

This is the first year that M.G.H. has been a co-operating institution.

ABOUT FOLKS

Accounting

Evlynne McMaster, Secretary to the Comptroller, returned August 9 from a three week tour of California and the Canadian Rockies. She was very impressed with the breath-taking scenery, and the department is waiting to see her snapshots of the trip.

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Marie Naoum of the Baker Payroll Office was pleasantly surprised by the return of her friend from the Field Artillery in Korea.

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Miss Margaret Porter spent her vacation at Sandy Island, Lake Winnipesaukee.

Mass. Eye and Ear Infirmary

A familiar sight around the Infirmary every day is Jacqueline Sinnott, medical stenographer in the Secretaries Office, and her newly acquired seeing-eye dog. Even those who do not know Jacqueline personally, know her as the girl with the dog. Jackie spent three and a half weeks this summer at the training center for seeing-eye dogs in Morristown, New Jersey where she got acquainted with Jessie, her two year old boxer. These were the final weeks of four months training for the dog.

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The Nursing Department of the Infirmary gave two showings of a film for all personnel entitled "Glaucoma —What the General Practitioner Should Know," on Monday August 31. The film included a discussion of statistical facts about glaucoma, early signs and symptoms which will aid in diagnosis, and descriptions of two cases, one a man with acute glaucoma and the other a woman with chronic, and their visits to a general practitioner and an opthalmologist.

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Changes in personnel over the summer include two in the Bookkeeping Department. George Waters came from a Boston distributing company to replace Robert Welch in accounting and Bernice Russo of Burlington has taken over in place of Mrs. Helen O'Reilly who left August 21.

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Miss Marjorie Glou is a new addition to the staff of the Winthrop Foundation as Assistant Audiologist. Miss Glou was recently graduated from Syracuse University.

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Miss Emilie Farnsworth of the Social Service Department has recently completed a ten day course for Supervisors in Social Service Work at Smith College. This was the second in a series of two courses given in the summers of 1952 and 1953.

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On August 31, Miss Nancy Caswell, left the Infirmary for Colorado University where she will study for her Masters degree in Nursing Education.

Record Room

Mary Giove, Office-Assistant in Medical Records, is leaving us. Our regrets and best wishes.

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The deep sympathy of the Record Room is extended to Claire Donahue of Station 2, on the recent death of her mother. We are proud of the way in which Claire is carrying on her work at the hospital.

General Nursing

Mr. and Mrs. Max Hoerres are the parents of a baby boy. Mr. Hoerres is an aide on Bulfinch 3. Mrs. Hoerres was formerly an aide in the Eye and Ear Infirmary.

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Foster who are the parents of a baby boy. Mrs. Foster formerly worked in the Overnight Ward.

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August 29 was a big day for Mrs. Ruth Warburton who was graduated in the morning and came down the aisle as a bride at 4:00 p.m.

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Welcome to new member of the Emergency Ward group, Ronald W. Polk.

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Head Nurses in the Overnight and Emergency Wards did some travelling through America this summer. Miss Cecile Littlefield drove across the country to Mexico, and Miss Marjorie Keller, and Miss Emily Bombl drove to Canada.

Travelling Technicians

Claire Mauretti, senior technician for Dr. Kerr, Urology, recently reported to The World, on her nine-country tour of Europe late in spring. She went with a group of five people, all in the medical field, among them another M.G.H.er, Doris Karibiam, senior technician in Cardiovascular Research.

Their itinerary included Italy, Austria, Switzerland, Germany, Denmark, France, Holland, Scotland, Sweden, and England. They got to England in time for the Coronation, and Miss Mauretti reports that despite the thousands of visitors who thronged London for the crowning of Queen Elizabeth, they saw the entire procession perfectly from their unreserved (and free) spot along the curb.

Asked to state her opinion on the benefit to an American, of going to Europe, Miss Mauretti stated, "Travel certainly widens your viewpoint. It makes you realize that America isn't the only country in the world, and that other people are just as happy in their countries, as we are in ours."

Among the examples of European progress Miss Mauretti cited were British T-V, Danish art and architecture, and the lack of slums in Sweden. "We may have heard American music everywhere we went, and seen English subtitles on many of the European movies, but we were impressed that Europe has a great deal to be proud of, her present as well as her past."

Alley Ways

The new M.G.H. Bowling League season will be inaugurated this evening, September 24, at 6:00 p.m. with the opening game of what is usually an active season on the alleys.

The games will be played at the Webster Alleys across from the Dudley Street Station in Roxbury. Games will be regularly scheduled on Thursday evenings from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Anyone interested in joining the league may still do so by calling President John Mendes at Extension 321, or Secretary Lou Jeffrey at Extension 163. All bowlers, are welcomed, and you don't have to be an expert to be on the M.G.H. team.

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Dr. Clark poses with a group who were awarded 20 and 40 year service pins. Seated with Dr. Clark, center, are Patrick J. Kilcoyne, Appliance Room, who received a 40-year pin, and Miss Mary A. Dacey of Linen Control, the other 40-year winner. Standing, left to right, are 20-year pin holders, Mrs. Stella Cloutier, Dietary; Mrs. Sabina Brogna, OPD coatroom, Michele Blanco and Carl Dexter, both of Maintenance; and Mrs. Frances Nealy, Medical Records.

Service Pins Awarded On Ether Day

Dr. Clark Presides At October 16 Ceremonies Awarding Service To M.G.H.

Over 200 doctors and other employees were awarded service pins at Ether Day ceremonies in the Moseley Rotunda on October 16. The custom of celebrating the day which marks the first use of ether in 1846, by honoring loyal service to M.G.H., was first inaugurated in 1945. Doctors who have served on the active staff for 25 years or more, and members of the Board of Consultation who at the time of their appointment to the Board had served 25 or more years were also awarded pins this year. Last year was the first to include doctors in the program.

Dr. Dean A. Clark, General Director, presided at the program before an invited audience of employees, trustees, members of the families of those to be awarded, and friends.

Dacey, Kilcoyne Top List

Service pins awarding 40 years of continuous employment were received by Miss Mary A. Dacey of the Linen Room, and Mr. Patrick J. Kilcoyne.

30 Year Pins

Thirty year winners include: Dr. Arthur W. Allen, Dr. James B. Ayer, Dr. Ernest M. Daland, Mrs. Katherine H. Emerson, Dr. Richard S. Eustis, Dr. Maurice Fremont-Smith, Dr. Joseph Garland, Dr. Chester M. Jones, Dr. Leland S. McKittrick, Dr. Leroy M. S. Miner, Dr. W. Jason Mixter, Dr. Francis M. Rackemann, Dr. A. William Reggio, Dr. George Gilbert Smith, Dr. Henry R. Viets.

25-Year Group

The 25-year group includes the

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Safety Week Named — Nov. 9-14 To Emphasize Safety Mindedness

The M.G.H. Safety Committee has announced plans for Safety Week which will be held Nov. 9-14. During that week, special emphasis will be placed on safety mindedness, featuring a group of safety films, graphs, and posters pointing out safety hazards and records.

Mrs. Gertrude Schade, Secretary of the committee reported that the safety films will be shown twice daily in the Lower Amphitheater in OPD. Hospital employees may go to the films during working hours, as arranged by the department heads. A different film will be shown each day during the week, one each dealing with fire prevention; safety in offices; safety in working with ladders, scaffolds, and floor openings; the adjustments made by the blind; and possibly one on driving safety.

Safety Is Year-'Round Program

Mrs. Schade discussed the safety program as it operates during the year. Once a month Mrs. Schade reports all accidents to the Industrial Accident Department. This is done in accordance with state law.

Bumps are the most frequent accidents, according to Mrs. Schade. Most of these accidents are preventable; "They happen because people hurry too fast, and they are careless," she says.

Cites Figures

Mrs. Schade went on to give the accident rate in the hospital. Lost-time accidents are those where more than one day of work is missed as a result of the mishap. Between two and five accidents of this nature occur in every four-week period. Between 20-25 less severe accidents occur in each four-week period, although these accidents which are not counted as lost-time accidents often take an injured person away from his work for an entire morning or afternoon.

Accident statistics from 1952 indi-

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NAME THE DANGER!

Can you name the danger in each of these situations above? An accident is possible in each situation because someone is being careless. Turn to page 7 to check your answers with those of the experts.

Plans Made For Red Feather Drive

The Community Fund, or Red Feather Campaign officially begins on Oct. 25. This organization, aiding over 300 private, health, and social service agencies, hopes to raise $7,-290,000 in the Boston area this year. Most of the money will remain in the Boston area, but $551,000 is earmarked for the USO.

As soon as the plans for the M.G.H. drive are completed, captains will be appointed in each department to solicit personnel for their pledges. These pledges may be paid at the time that they are made, or arrangements may be made to have the Payroll Department deduct the amount of the pledge from the weekly paycheck.

Departmental standings will be posted in the Brick Corridor during the campaign.

Warren Prize Lectures Announced

The Warren Trienniel Prize lectures for 1953 have been announced by Dr. Clark's office. The Warren Prize was founded by the late Dr. J. Mason Warren in memory of his father, and the lectureship is awarded every three years to a man selected for outstanding work in medical science.

This year's lecturer is Dr. René J. Dubos, member of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research. His subject will be "Biochemical Aspects of Infection".

The lectures, all of which will be at 4:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Museum of Science in Boston, will take place on the following dates: Monday, November 9; Wednesday, November 11; Friday, November 13; Tuesday, November 17; and Thursday, November 19.

News From The Social Service Department

With vacation period over, the Social Service Department has started the fall season with a full staff in the various units. Miss Nancy Gibbs of the Bulfinch unit is presently working in the Brooklyn hospital, pediatrics service. Replacing Miss Gibbs is Miss Phoebe Cover, a recent graduate of Western Reserve University School of Social Work.

Miss Mary Gilkey, formerly associ-

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A.A.A.A.

The opening of a series of evenings of art and fun was held on Thursday, September 24, when the 4-A's held their first meeting of the year in East Pay dining room. An enthusiastic and industrious group met with seven instructors.

One of the instructors, Miss Ruth Ann Slabey, Ceramics instructor, now a student in the School of Medical Illustration, gave a very fine lecture with lantern slides on the types of pottery and glazes. Miss Slabey majored in Ceramics at the Museum School of Fine Arts and has had a year's experience teaching Ceramics. The 4-A's are fortunate in having someone with talent and experience in Ceramics. The group wishes to announce that Miss Slabey and the instructors listed in the last issue of The World are available every Thurs-

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Spotlight On: The M.G.H. Post Office

Distribution of between six and seven thousand pieces of mail, plus packages, plus registered letters, is just an average day's work, according to Fred Barthel, Supervisor in the Post Office.

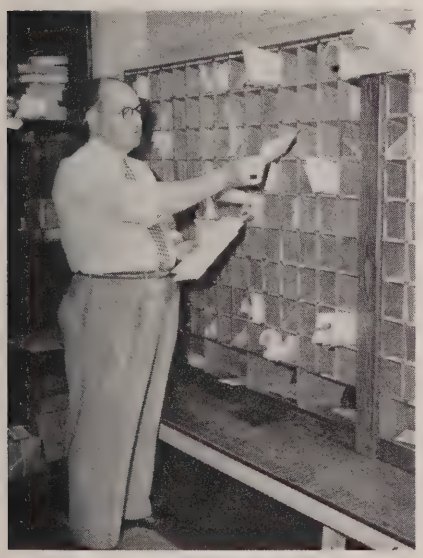
Mr. Barthel, assisted by Frank Iaconelli, Mrs. Olga English and volunteer Mrs. Francis Smith distributes M.G.H. mail to approximately 1000 boxes. Departments, doctors, nurses, students, and preclinical students have these boxes, which are filled between 7:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. when the sales window opens for business.

There are three U. S. mail deliveries daily, and these first class letters are distributed first. In addition, house mail comes to the Post Office all day long, and it is put in the boxes several times a day.

That small sales window accounts for "at least $600 worth of sales in stamps per week," according to Mr. Barthel. "And that's not counting the business we do in parcel post," he adds. "We take about 50 to 60 packages a day."

Mr. Barthel added that many people do not know that the Post Office cannot take parcels weighing more than five pounds because it is not a United States Post Office sub station.

The Post Office window is open for business from 10:30 to 3:30, while the office itself is open from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Registered letters may be picked up after the window closes for the day.



Supervisor Fred Barthel puts mail in one of the many boxes in the Post Office.

Student Nurse Pauline Gordon buys a block of stamps at the Post Office window from Supervisor Fred Barthel.

Let's All Sing!

A cordial invitation is extended to the Staff, Personnel and Students to come to the first meeting of the M.G.H. Glee Club, which will be held in the Lower O. P. D. Amphitheatre, Wednesday evening, November 4, 1953 from 7:30 to 9:00 o'clock.

No tryouts! No rehearsals! No dues! Just a good time for every one who likes to sing for the sheer joy of singing!

Miss Margot Warner will direct the Glee Club. Meetings are scheduled for the first and third Wednesdays of each month, starting November 4.

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of each meeting.

Watch for further notices, but in for the Glee Club.

Musical Planned For Nov. 17-18; "Tempus Fugits" In Rehearsal

Yes, that heading does say "Tempus Fugits" and it's not a typographical error. Neither is it a new and viscous disease; nor is it a virus. It is actually the title of the musical which is to be presented by the Nursing Class of September, '51 and March, '52 on November 17 and 18, at New England Mutual Hall; curtain time is at 8:30 p.m.

Price of tickets is $1.20 for regular admission, and $.60 for students. The project, an annual event, helps to pay costs for the Senior Yearbook.

The book has been written by a group of student nurses and doctors. It has three acts and is involved with a look at the past, Gay Nineties style, the present, and the future. All hospital employees are eligible to participate, either as cast members, or as members of one of the committees.

According to Miss Georgia van Der Zee, one of the committee members, the show will feature old songs, new songs, dancing girls, a chorus, and as evidenced by the Thursday night rehearsals in the Moseley Rotunda, a good many laughs.

WANTED: Entertainers
WHAT KIND: All kinds, solo or groups—Your willingness to participate counts more than your professional experience, so don't be shy!
WHAT FOR: To help entertain the patients during the Christmas season
WHAT TO DO: Contact Miss Lubell in the Personnel Department

About Medicine

This month **About Medicine** turns to White 2 and the **Tumor Clinic.**

The increase in the number of visits made to the Tumor Clinic (from 1200 patients a year in 1934, to 1000 a month today) can be traced to two factors as different as night from day. On the one hand, there has been the conscious use by special organizations of all of the tricks of advertising trade-posters, radio announcements, and T-V shows—all calculated to make the public alert to the dangers of cancer, and to the necessity of checking with their doctors any signs which might indicate its presence. On the other hand, there has been the patient work of medical science which has brought an ever-wider knowledge about cancer, its prevention, its treatment, and its cure.

Mrs. Mildred Burns, Senior Secretary in the Tumor Clinic points out that the growth in the number of patients who come to the clinic indicates that public information programs have been successful in their goal of making the general public aware of the life saving and life prolonging possibilities which now exist in the treatment of malignant (cancerous) tumors.

The Tumor Clinic, located in White 2, is primarily a referral clinic. That is, outside doctors, and other departments of the hospital refer patients to it for opinion and diagnosis. Since 1925 when the clinic was organized by doctors Robert Greenough, C. Guy Lane, and George W. Holmes, the scope of its activities has grown to include hundreds of patients who come directly to the Out-Patient Department.

Day to Day Activities in the Clinic

Each day, different specialists report to the clinic, and a patient will have the opinions of experts in his particular type of tumor. (Editor's note. Unless otherwise specified, the tumors described are malignant tumors, not benign, although the Tumor Clinic actually treats a great many of both types.) The visiting doctors also work in other sections of the hospital and have outside practices, in many cases. Dr. Milford Schulz, Radiologist, is the only full time man on the Tumor Clinic Staff.

Just a few of the members of the Tumor Clinic team shown in one of the clinic offices. Looking at the record held by Dr. John Freymann, Clinical and Research Fellow in Medicine, is Dr. William D. Sohier, also a Fellow. Taking dictation under the supervision of Mrs. Mildred Burns, Senior Secretary, standing, are Mary Luzzio and Patricia McNamara. Nurse Peg Glann waits to speak with Dr. William Baker, Assistant in Medicine, seated, while Miss Miriam Tom of Social Service stands by.

After Diagnosis, Treatment

After the patient is examined, the visiting doctor dictates his findings to the secretaries, and recommends treatment. In many cases, the treatment is decided upon at the weekly Tumor Clinic Conferences.

Surgery, radiation therapy, and hormone treatments are three possible modes of treatment. The choice of the method of treatment is determined by what experience has shown to be most effective in the cure or the relief of the patient's disease.

Surgery may be suggested for the purpose of removing the tumor, or X-Ray or radium therapy may be selected to destroy or stop the growth of the tumor. About one-third of the Clinic visits are for radiation therapy.

Radiation Therapy Explained

Dr. Wilma J. Canada, Assistant Resident in Radiology explained the different kinds of radiation therapy which are used. X-Ray is most frequently used here at M.G.H., primarily because we have the equipment and the trained personnel to run it. We have several X-Ray machines running on different voltages, that is, capable of giving different degrees of penetration of rays.

One type is conventional deep X-Ray therapy, which runs at 2000 volts. We also have facilities for superficial X-Ray therapy to be used to treat skin conditions, both malignant and benign.

The one million volt machine, and the two million volt machine (one of the few in the country) are for supervoltage therapy. They are used to give more radiation to deep areas of disease with less damage to the skin.

Radium Compared To X-Ray

The difference between radium and X-Ray is primarily that the radioactivity of radium is a naturally occurring phenomenon. Unlike a man-made machine, it cannot be turned off when the treatment is over, and it consequently presents a good many problems in handling. Radium is particularly useful in treating cancers of the female genital tract, or for use where it is desirable to insert the radioactive substance directly into the tissue rather than by aiming a beam at a portion of the body, as occurs with X-Ray.

Radioactive Isotopes Now Used

Dr. Canada prefaced her remarks on the isotope group of radioactive substances with a brief explanation of what an isotope is. She said, "An isotope is a different form of an element which has the same chemical reactions but which is of a different weight or mass; a radioactive isotope is one which changes back to inactive form by emitting a wave and/or

Miss Mary Brady, Secretary, is the "patient" in the rotating chair. The two million volt machine is seen at the right. Mrs. Mary Balsor, Radiation Technician Nurse in Tumor Clinic, adjusts her position in the chair. Lead blocks of different sizes and shapes block off all but the area which is to be radiated.

particles which are called radiations. Not all isotopes are radioactive, but all known elements can be made radioactive."

Radioactive colloidal gold is one such element. It is essentially gold which has been placed in an active atomic pile and made radioactive, then prepared in a special solution. It is used in advanced cases of cancer to dry up accumulations of fluid that collect in the body cavities. Inserted in a saline solution, radioctive colloidal gold does not cure, but it does make the patient more comfortable in some cases.

Further Radioactive Materials

There are other radioactive materials used in the treatment of cancer, among them, P-32, or radioactive phosporus, and radioactive cobalt.

Dr. Canada emphasized that neither cobalt nor radium is a miracle substance. They are roughly comparable to the two million volt machine X-Ray.

Surgery, Radiation, And Now Hormones

There is a third approach to treating malignancies which was described by Dr. William H. Baker, Assistant in Medicine. This third method brings into focus, the interdependence of the research areas of the hospital and the clinical areas, where the patients are treated. As a result of both basic and clinical investigation, significant progress has been made in increasing life, and minimizing pain through the use of hormones in the treatment of cancer.

If a female patient who is beyond the age of menopause has a breast cancer which is inoperable (cannot be successfully removed by surgery), that patient is a good candidate for hormone therapy. Female hormones, known as estrogens are given to the patients, and in about a third of the cases, according to Dr. Baker, a regression, or slowing down of the growth of the cancer, occurs.

Just why this works is only partially understood by medical science. The hormones seem to regulate the growth of cells, and of the tumor cells in particular. "What we do is change the environment of the tumor cell," reports Dr. Baker. "It would appear that the hormone change is detrimental to the tumor cells."

Male hormones are also used, with less spectacular results, but nevertheless, with resultant lessening of pain and prolonging of life.

Adrenals And Ovaries Connected To Tumors

Dr. Baker noted that there are instances in which female hormones seem to cause an **acceleration** of growth in the tumor cells. In these cases, a different approach must be made because it is the hormone itself which is helping the cancer to grow. "With the removal of the hormone-producing glands, you remove a source of growth regulator," as Dr. Baker put it.

Removal of the ovaries or of the adrenal glands, are two such procedures which have been used. A regression in the growth of the tumor seems to follow the use of these somewhat newer techniques.

The use of nitrogen mustard to treat cancer is yet another approach to the treatment of cancer. A chemical which in its biological effects acts much like X-Ray, nitrogen mustard is used in cases of malignant lymphoma, and most effectively in the type known as Hodgkins' Disease. The mustard gas is used primarily when the disease is widespread and diffuse; X-Ray, when it is more localized. The two are often used together.

Patients' Progress Followed For Years

One interesting sidelight on the care which is exercised in keeping track of Tumor Clinic patients is the fact that no patient is ever discharged until he is declared completely benign. Patients whose cancer seems to be arrested are seen in the clinic at regular intervals, or their progress is followed through their personal physicians.

The records of many of these patients are recorded in what is known as The Longevity Book. All of the names in the book tell the story of patients who were known to have cancer, and who, ten or more years afterward, are still living. The book is not a small one, and some of the names inscribed in it appeared in the clinic for the first time twenty years ago—eloquent testimony to the work that the Tumor Clinic is doing in prolonging human life and minimizing the effects of malignant diseases.

Mrs. Myrtle Sweeney adjusts the controls of the two million volt machine. She can watch the patient who is inside the room through the "port hole" appearing window at the right.

SERVICE PINS

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following doctors: Dr. Walter Bauer, Dr. Edward B. Benedict, Dr. Arlie V. Bock, Dr. Edwin F. Cave, Dr. Edwin P. Hayden, Dr. Donald S. King, Dr. C. Guy Lane, Dr. Henry C. Marble, Dr. Charles A. McDonald, Dr. Edward S. O'Keefe, Dr. Robert S. Palmer, Dr. William A. Rogers, Dr. Dwight L. Siscoe, Dr. Horace K. Sowles, Dr. Howard B. Sprague, Dr. James C. White, Dr. Paul D. White, Dr. W. Franklin Wood.

20-Year Group

Those receiving 20-year pins were the following: Mr. Michele Blanco, Mrs. Sabina M. Brogna, Mrs. Stella Cloutier, Mr. Carl Dexter, Mrs. Alice R. Gibson, Mrs. Frances P. Nealy, Miss Ruth Sleeper.

10-Year Group

Pins were also presented to the following, all of whom have worked 10 years: Miss Anna D. Aliberti, Mrs. Eva M. Allen, Mr. John Anastos, Mr. Arthur A. Baker, Mr. Rocco Barbato, Mr. Hagop Bedrossian, Mrs. Rose A. Breen, Mrs. Ruth Brownell, Mr. George Burton, Miss Elizabeth M. Callahan, Mrs. Mary A. Carley, Miss Martha L. Carney, Miss Margaret Carroll, Mrs. Bella I. Chase, Mrs. Lona Christo, Mrs. Anna Debnam, Miss Teresa A. Delaney, Miss Helen M. Dempsey, Miss Elvira De Rosa, Mr. Edwin F. Dodge, Miss Frances M. Doherty, Miss Margaret M. Donovan, Mrs. Lotti L. Forni, Mr. Joseph Freedman, Mrs. Frances Hennessey, Miss Vida Herbert, Mrs. Janet Hersey, Mrs. Ida Higgins, Miss Cora F. Holbrook, Mrs. Estelle A. Holmes, Miss Agnes L. Kelly, Mrs. Margaret T. Ladd, Mr. William Lewis, Mrs. Gladys Lothrop, Miss Janet L. MacPherson, Miss Helena McCarten, Mr. George E. McMahon, Mrs. Anna O'Lalor, Miss Sylvia C. Perry, Mr. Barney Petkun, Miss Anna P. Powers, Miss Mary Profirio, Mrs. Blanche Razey, Mrs. Ida H. Rotgers, Mr. Giusseppe Russo, Miss Loretta M. Saulnier, Miss Nellie T. Sherry, Miss Beatrice H. Simmons, Miss Emily F. Skayhan, Mrs. Sarah Stevens, Miss Jessie Stewart, Miss Olive Swanson, Miss Grace F. Tierney, Mr. Angelo L. Trotta, Mrs. Helen Warton, Mr. Arthur Welch, Mrs. Irene Wilson.

A group of 134 employees received five-year pins.

The Board of Trustees was represented by Mr. Francis W. Hatch, who extended greetings to the group. A program of music preceded the giving of the pins, and the afternoon was concluded with the serving of refreshments in the East Dining Room.

Alley Tallies

The Yankees of the Pharmacy Department have gotten off to a flying start in the M.G.H. Bowling League with eight straight wins. The Maintenance and Printing teams are tied for the second position while the other teams are battling for the other first division berth.

The Accounting Department team, defending champions, got off to a fair start, but they are still favored, along with the Yankees and the Maintenance players for the title.

At press time, the Maintenance team held the record for the high three string with 469, and the high team total of 1323. Ernie Zunino of the Accountants has the high single title of 114, while Bob Alfredson of the Electricians holds the record for a three string with 297.

Louis Jeffrey

Magic Carpet To Open New M.G.H. Doors

Prince Ahmed of Arabian Nights fame has nothing on M.G.H. By the beginning of December, the main doorway to the hospital, now under construction, will operate on a "magic carpet" principle. In plainer language, that means that the side doors of the main entrance will open automatically when a person steps on the operating control located in a carpet on the floor. The advantage of this system for a hospital entrance is that a person on crutches, or in a wheelchair, can go in or out of the hospital at his own rate of speed without danger of being hit by the door.

The center section of the door will be "double-acting". That is, the door will open, back and forth, in or out. These center doors will also operate automatically. They will be opened in much the same way that the newer Pullman car doors work. To open the door, you touch a lever on the surface of the door, and the door will automatically open and close. The ordinary door must be pushed and then held while you walk through.

A safety factor has been included in the plans for the door so that the cycle on which they operate need not be completed before the next person goes through the entrance. That means that there is no danger that the second person going through the door will be struck by the door as it closes. A light touch on the lever will interrupt the swing and start the door back open again.

Compliments From Dr. Clark

Dr. Dean A. Clark, General Director, has written a letter complimenting all staff members and employees for the efficient way in which facilities were set up to handle accident casualties from the Everett disaster when a number of men were seriously injured. Although just a few of the victims were brought to M.G.H., "it was obvious that a much larger group would have been taken care of promptly and well," said Dr. Clark.

4 A'S

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day to assist members of the association.

All of the instructors volunteer their time. The 25c a session tuition is for the running expenses of the group which includes still life materials, mimeographing notices, and coffee. The 4-A's have started a life drawing class, and models, to be paid $1.00 per hour ($2.00 an evening), will be needed. Those who wish to be models (bathing suits will be worn), should see Mrs. Miller, White 3-A, about arranging to pose.

SOCIAL SERVICE

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ated with the Harvard School of Public Health, will replace Mrs. Anne Krush who is taking time off to welcome an addition to her family. Mrs. Krush had returned during the summer to her old desk in the E.W.

Travelers to the Far West this summer were Miss Gerda Friend and Mrs. Edith Haughton who visited their families in California. European travelers were Miss Beatrice Talbot who vacationed in Germany and Yugoslavia, and Miss Patricia Clarke and Miss Miriam Tom, who toured the continent.

Miriam Tom

Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary

The Infirmary is happy to have Miss Freda V. Curtis from Harrogate in Yorkshire, England who is here for the graduate course in otolaryngology. Miss Curtis first arrived in North America in February and did Public Health and Home Nursing in Toronto, Canada. She read of the Infirmary in "The American Journal of Nursing" and came here for her graduate work on September 8.

The following changes in personnel have taken place at the Infirmary:

Mrs. Winnie Robbins, who is expecting her baby in November, has left the Infirmary and has been replaced as financial secretary in the Social Service Department by Miss Jean Easton. Miss Easton, who formerly was a secretary in the department, has been replaced by Miss Mary Lee Williams.

Miss Jean Dunn has been transferred to the eye Social Service, while Miss Mary Love has transferred to the ear Social Service.

Harriet MacDuffie

Members of the Safety Committee pictured in the Moseley Rotunda. Seated, left to right, Mrs. Frances Harvey, Dietary; Mrs. Theresa King, Laundry; Mrs. Pauline Abbott, E. & E. Nursing; Mrs. Gertrude Schade, Workmen's Compensation Office; Miss Mary Welch, Baker Nursing; Miss Mina Crowley, General Nursing; and Mrs. Pauline Bausemer, also of General Nursing. Row two: Mrs. Loretta McCabe, OPD; Phillip Maguire of E. & E. Nursing; Vincent Caggiano of Housekeeping; Carl Dexter, Maintenance; Thomas Healy, also of Maintenance; and William Kelly of E. & E. Housekeeping. Row Three: Mrs. Miriam Cobb, Baker Dietary; Wilfred Seymour, Baker Nursing; Edward Malagodi, Maintenance; Mrs. Hattie Jones of E. & E. Dietary; and Mrs. Marechaneil Collins of Baker Nursing.

Answers To Name The Danger

1. There are two people at fault here. The girl should look where she's going, and the man with the cart should look ahead, not at the floor. From September, 1952 to September, 1953, 32 people went to Staff Clinic as a result of bumps.

2. There are many correct ways to lift a heavy weight. One of them is to get help, when the object is too heavy. Another is to lift with the strain on your legs, not on your back. There were 12 cases of back strains reported last year.

3. Hot coffee feels fine when it goes down the right place—your throat! But if it's balanced the way this young lady is doing it, it's likely to feel mighty uncomfortable when it spills—and burns! Last year, 17 people were burned when hot liquids spilled on them.

4. The extra seconds it takes to get the proper equipment on which to stand when reaching for objects on high shelves is worth while when you consider the number of accidents resulting from falls such as the one this young lady is heading for. There were 29 falls last year.

5. Ouch! That knife is sharp, as it should be. But the man with his eyes turned the wrong way isn't so sharp. He'll be on his way to Staff Clinic with a nasty cut because he didn't keep his eye on the blade. Last year, 59 people were cut by their own carelessness.

6. The girl who is tossing a broken bottle into the trash basket can well afford to whistle. She'll probably not be the one to cut her hand when that basket is emptied. But the man who does, won't thank her for her thoughtlessness. There were eight such cases of cuts as the result of the carelessness of others.

Mostly About Nursing

Item: Miss Marian C. Bates, Supervisor in the Baker Memorial, attended an intensive three week summer course in the field of Practical Nurse Education at the University of Maine.

Item: Miss Sarah Bickford and Miss Miriam Huggard attended a two week summer workshop at Boston University for In Service Education for Lay Personnel.

Item: Miss Bickford is starting a new schedule for training hospital aides. In the past, only two aide training courses have been given each year. These classes will be given more frequently in the future.

SAFETY WEEK

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cate what these "minor" mishaps can add up to in terms of time lost from work. Lost-time accidents totaled 67; Total On Duty Accidents, 342. Total Days Lost, 1,912.

Safety Committee

The chairman of the Safety Committee is Mrs. Pauline Abott, E. & E. Nursing. Mrs. Schade is the secretary of the group whose members include representatives from the major departments. These include William Kelly, E. & E. Housekeeping; Mrs. Frances Harvey, Dietary; Carl Dexter, Maintenance; Thomas Healey, also of Maintenance; Hugh Heney, Appliance Room; Wilfred Seymour, Baker Nursing; Mrs. Pauline Bausemer, General Nursing; Mrs. Mina Crowley, General Nursing; Miss Mary Welch, Baker Nursing; Vincent Caggiano of Baker Housekeeping; Mrs. Theresa King of the Laundry; Mrs. Loretta McCabe from OPD. Also included with the group are Phillip Maguire, E. & E.; Mrs. Hattie Jones, E. & E. Dietary; Mrs. Miriam Cobb, Baker Dietary; Miss Grace Furr, General Nursing; Miss Jean McAuliffe, General Nursing; Mrs. Marchaneil Collins, Baker Nursing, Mrs. Margaret A. Kolpack, OPD; and Edward Malagodi, Maintenance.

Is Our Face Red Dept.

In last month's issue of The World, Miss Mary E. Nesbitt was incorrectly identified as Supervisor in the Occupational Therapy Department. Her correct title is Supervisor in the "Physical" Therapy Department.

Mr. MacNair Attends Hospital Association Meeting

Mr. William MacNair, Superintendent of Housekeeping recently represented the hospital at the Northeastern New York Hospital Association Meeting in Cambridge, New York. Mr. MacNair reported to his department the favorable way in which M.G.H. compares with other hospitals in the New York-New England area.

John L. Roche

Suggestion Awards

Beatrice Walker was awarded $2.00 for her suggestion to place signs in the basement corridors directing employees to the cafeterias and the cloak room. Winifred Wilson, R.N., was awarded $2.00 for her suggestion that the OPD rest rooms be clearly marked. Telephone operator Grace Sterritt received a $5.00 check for suggesting the addition of candy and coke machines. Miss Anna Viden, General Nursing, suggested that a stand for the telephone directory be built near the basement phones in Moseley.

ABOUT FOLKS

Pharmacy Notes

Welcome to the new members of the Pharmacy Department: **Manuel Sardhina** and **David Kazaka.**

Congratulations to **Jean Allen,** now **Mrs. Jean Travers,** and to **Shirley (Albert) Lederman,** formerly of the department, now the mother of a baby girl.

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Vacation Notes: **Gladys Cooke,** adopted member of Pharmacy (she's from Housekeeping), recently toured Virginia, Washington, D.C., New Jersey, and New York. **Howard Loring** made the long trip to Chicago in his new 1953 DeSoto. **Thelma Lezberg** moved around during her vacation—she spent one week in Albany; the other, in Louisville, Kentucky.

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It's back to school for **Russell Gasdia, Pete Antonio, Louis Jeffrey, Irma Friedman,** and **Gladys Smith. Salvatore Gasdia,** formerly of the department, is now employed by the Sterling-Winthrop Research Foundation of New York.

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The Pharmacy Department is represented in the Bowling League by the Yankee Team, '51 and '52 champions. **Pete Antonio, Louis Jeffrey,** and **Russ Gasdia.** To round out the five-man team are **Ed Voekel** and **George Boyce** who work in the Research Building.

Louis Jeffrey

Dietary Tidbits

Marie Denn, Food Supervisor in the East and West Cafeterias became **Mrs. Eugene Riley** early in August. **Frances Chambers,** Diet Aide from the White Building became **Mrs. Harold Fletcher** in September, and **Frances Fraser** of the Food Store became **Mrs. Roy Blackmer. Helen Hardy,** White Building Diet Aide became **Mrs. Bird** in October. **Joan Pleasant** of Patient Food Service is engaged, according to the ring on her finger.

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Entering the ranks of "mother-in-law" were **Helen McNamara** of the Dietary Linen Room, and **Louise Grant** of Nurses' Cafeteria. Both had daughters who recently married. **Mrs. Leila Gates** of the White Diet Kitchen welcomed her son and his family back from Germany. Her son had served with the army in Europe. A more recent mother is **Mrs. Shirley Mitchell** who had a baby girl in September.

Mrs. Helen Turner, Cashier in West Cafeteria took advantage of an autumn vacation to visit the Canadian Northwest.

Mrs. Frances Harvey

News From The Labs

Dr. and Mrs. Fachi Dunn are the parents of a bouncing baby boy. **Mrs. Dunn** was formerly employed in the Chem. Lab. **Dr. Dunn** is with the Dermatology Dept. of M.G.H.

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Miss Ellie Bougas of **Dr. Jones'** Lab. has recently returned from a 3 weeks vacation spent in North Dakota.

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On September 12, **Miss Alice Riley** of the Chem. Lab. became the bride of **Mr. J. A. Markham.**

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The Chemistry Lab. certainly misses the cheery smile of its glass washer, **Oscar Donabedian** who is now ill on White 11. **Oscar** has been with the Chem. Lab. for the past 10 years.

Jeanne Russell

Notes From Nursing

Miss Lucille Macbeth, Clinical Instructor in the Baker recently returned from a trip to Europe. She is to be maid of honor at the wedding of **Betsy Sprague,** daughter of **Dr. Howard Sprague,** and former House Officer in Pediatrics.

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Miss Ruth Tilson, Head Nurse in Orthopedic Clinic was recently married to **James Lowell,** formerly Assistant Resident in Orthopedics. **Miss Mary Hagerty,** Assistant Head Nurse on Vincent 3, was recently married to **Mr. Frederick Ford,** an illustrator for Jackson and Moreland, an engineering firm.

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Mrs. Cynthia Krane, Head Nurse on White 8, is leaving to have a baby. She is the wife of **Dr. Stephen Krane,** Assistant Resident on the Medical Service.

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Hugh Heney of the Appliance Room spent his vacation in New York.

Sarah Rowley, R.N.

Housekeeping

The biggest change in the Housekeeping Department has been the changeover to the 40-hour week. The supervisors and foremen of the various buildings worked out new schedules, and **Mr. William MacNair,** Supervisor of Housekeeping, met with the personnel in each unit to discuss the new system. The meetings were turned into round table discussions. It is hoped to have such meetings at regular intervals so that new ideas will be introduced, new suggestions for improving the work method will be made, and, of course, a chance given to air any complaints or objections. The first such meeting was a great success.

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New faces of '53: New Foremen: **John Rummler,** White Building; **John Disario,** Baker; and **Joseph Reardon,** Bulfinch.

Congratulations to **Mr.** and **Mrs. Igor Kviatkovsky** who were married on September 6. **Mrs. Kviatovsky** was **Helen Moskalew** of Burnham 6, and her husband is houseman on White 11 and 12.

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The Housekeeping Department regrets the passing of **Julia Quinlan,** early in September.

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Housekeeping wishes to thank the Personnel Department for its efforts in obtaining additional help for the new 40-hour week.

John L. Roche

Medical Records

Personnel Changes: **Mary Luzzio** has transferred to the Tumor Clinic, and **Marie Kazan,** to Eye and Ear. New Medical Records people are **Milda Garner, Kay Bova, Vinnie Tortarici, Donald Chase, Gladys Martin** and **Georgia DiEoreo.** Also, **Mrs. Catherine Emens,** Night Supervisor, and **Helen Langone,** Office Assistant.

Miss Bova's talents are not limited to the time she spends at M.G.H. She has appeared on several talent shows, both on radio and TV. She recently won a $50 U. S. War Bond in New York.

Katherine Mawson

Baker Memorial

Wedding bells should be ringing soon for **Ada Lawrence,** I.V. nurse, and for **Viola Di Fronzo,** Ward Helper; both have received their diamonds recently.

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Condolences are extended to **Miss Lillian Miller** of Baker 8, on the death of her mother.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Secretary, **Mrs. Bertha Nason,** and welcome back to Baker 5's Head Nurse, **Mrs. Marie Burns.**

Frances Hennessey

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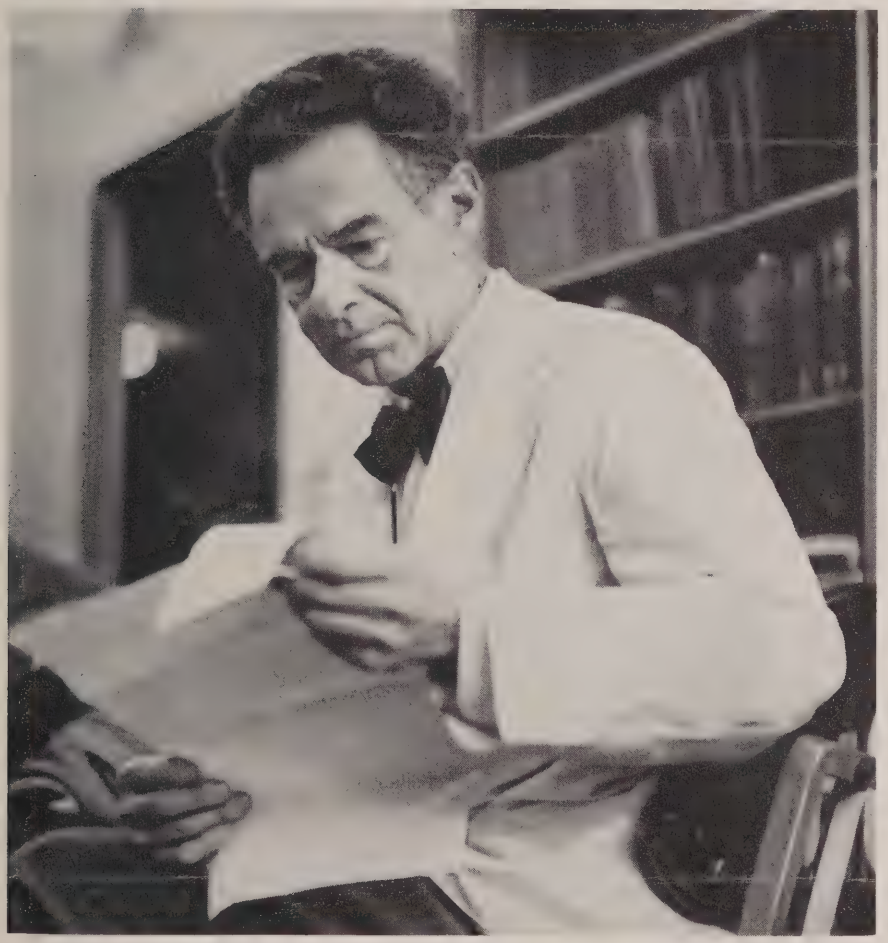
NOBEL PRIZE AWARDED TO DR. FRITZ LIPMANN



Winner of the 1953 Nobel Prize for Medicine and Physiology—M.G.H.'s Dr. Fritz Lipmann.

Biochem Research Head Honored For Discovery of Co-Enzyme A

The Nobel Prize, one of the most sought after and highly regarded awards of merit in existence today, has been bestowed upon Dr. Fritz Lipmann, Head of the M.G.H. Biochemistry Research Lab.

Sharing the prize in Medicine and Physiology with Dr. Hans Krebs of Sheffield University, England, Dr. Lipmann was honored for his 1945 discovery of coenzyme A, a key substance in biosynthesis, the process by which the body builds and renews itself from the basic factors in food.

Came To M.G.H. In '41

Dr. Lipmann, who is also Professor of Biochemistry at Harvard Medical School stated in an interview with The World that he first came to M.G.H. in 1941. Before moving to his present quarters on the 5th floor of the Research Building, Dr. Lipmann moved from one room on White 4 to quarters in Bulfinch.

"I can honestly say that the hospital has been a good place for me," said Dr. Lipmann. "It was good luck for me to land here."

Dr. Lipmann was born in Koenigsberg, Germany. He received an M.D. degree from Berlin in 1922, and the Ph.D. in Chemistry in 1927, also from Berlin.

Before coming to Boston, he was with the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research in New York, the Biological Institute of the Carlsberg Laboratories in Copenhagen, and at Cornell University.

The Ciba Pharmaceutical Company was interested in the work he was doing and recommended him to Dr. A. Baird Hastings of the Harvard Medical School and Dr. Oliver Cope of M.G.H. Under a grant from Ciba, Dr. Lipmann began his association with the hospital in July of 1941.

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Community Fund Goal Is $21,500

The M.G.H. Community Fund Campaign officially began with a meeting of Captain Solicitors on Friday, October 30, in the Moseley Rotunda. The group, representing the entire hospital, received instruction and supplies for the drive. Immediately after the meeting, the campaign got under way with more than 100 captains and assistants helping to meet the challenge of a $21,500 goal.

"Give More In '54" was the keynote of the meeting. It was planned to emphasize this approach with the posters in the Brick Corridor which show departmental standings, and the

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Miss Sleeper Named To Gov't Group

Miss Ruth Sleeper, Director of the School of Nursing and Nursing Service, has been appointed as a member of the Health Resources, Advisory Committee to the Office of Defense Mobilization.

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Of Thanksgiving And The Little Red Feather

The harvest season with its last blaze of rich color and sound and smell, its almost over. The leaves have fallen and the air is getting brisk. The fields have given up their fruits and vegetables, and the turkeys are plump and unwittingly ready for their fate.

Our celebration of Thanksgiving next Thursday will pay tribute to the harvest season itself. We will mark the historical events of 1621, and we also give thanks for the richness of our land and the multitudes of things it produces.

But Thanksgiving is not just a private kind of holiday. In almost every home where the day is celebrated, the entire family, and often guests as well, sit down to share the feast. We share the pleasant things of life because we want to enjoy these things with our friends and neighbors.

In very much the same way, our contribution to the Community Fund is our way of sharing—we share as beneficiaries of Red Feather agencies, and we share the responsibility for keeping these agencies alive.

Each of us has had some contact with a Red Feather Agency—we have all been on the receiving end many many times. What we are asked to do, in these last few days of the campaign, is to get on the giving end this time.

The little red feather which your solicitor will give you when you make your pledge, is an indication that you are aware of the importance of sharing.

Judy Herrick of the Community Fund Office pins the red feather — the symbol of a contribution to the campaign—on Sybil Krikorian, Secretary in the Nursing Office.

Dexter Named Safety Committee Head

Carl Dexter of the Maintenance Department has been named Chairman of the Safety Committee. Mr. Dexter whose election took place at the October 9 meeting of the committee emphasized his belief that workers with problems are likely to have accidents. "Clergymen are here to help employees with their problems," Mr. Dexter reminded in urging employees to avoid accidents by coming to work with their minds free to concentrate and do a day's work safely and well.

Plans Under Way For '54 Operetta

A meeting was held on October 21 to plan for the 1954 M.G.H. Operetta Company production, to be held in the spring. Miss Margot Warner, director of the group, met with a number of old and new operetta enthusiasts to begin preparations for the production which will get under way in January.

Casting will take place on the first Tuesday after New Year's. Notices will be posted giving the time and place of the casting.

Anyone interested in any phase of the production—singing, costuming, publicity, scenery, make-up, and ticket selling—should see Mrs. Hendrickson in the Personnel Office to sign up.

A Bouquet From A Patient

Dr. Clark wishes to share with you a bouquet from a patient.

"From the bottom of my heart I want to thank everybody in this splendid Hospital for their many kindnesses. Treatment by nurses, doctors, student nurses, ward aides and hospital personnel was wonderful. All were very thoughtful, kind, and considerate. Your food was good and served nicely."

Have You Seen?

Bulfinch 4, the research floor, has recently opened and resumed its program.

The special pediatric unit on Burnham 5 is expected to be open after Oct. 13.

Smoking rooms for patients are now open on Bulfinch 2 and 6. These rooms are painted a restful blue green and are equipped with easy chairs, and tables, so that patients can smoke and view television in comfort.

COMMUNITY FUND GOAL

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sign in the White Front Lobby which shows progress toward the total hospital goal.

It is hoped that the soliciting in the hospital will be completed before the total campaign is over, on November 24.

Name The Office Danger!

This month, Name The Danger concentrates on the kind of accident that usually occurs in an office, or in the course of an office worker's day. Turn to page 7 to see if your analysis of the danger is the same as the experts.

MADAM PRESIDENT?—NATURALLY SHE'S FROM M. G. H.

Miss Seymour Installed As Pres. Of Med. Record Group

Miss E. Louise Seymour, Chief Record Librarian, was installed as President of the American Association of Medical Record Librarians at the Annual Conference of the Association in San Francisco, in October. During 1952-1953, Miss Seymour was President-Elect of the group.

The American Association of Medical Record Librarians has a membership of 3,100. Founded in 1928, it was the outgrowth of small clubs of record clerks throughout the country. One of these clubs met in M.G.H.'s Treadwell Library in 1912.

M.G.H. Glee Club Has Promising Beginning

The M.G.H. Glee Club got off to a promising start at its first meeting, on November 4. A group of about 45 people attended the meeting, and made plans to get together on the first and third Wednesdays of every month. Miss Margot Warner directs the singers who gather in the lower amphitheater in OPD.

Anyone who is interested in joining the group is cordially invited to come to the next meeting. It is not necessary to sign on in advance—just come to the next meeting, ready to sing—and to have a good time!

"Mrs. Mac" Honored By Medical Illustrators

Mrs. Muriel McLatchie Miller, known as "Mrs. Mac" by all who work with her, was recently elected president of the Association of Medical Illustrators at the convention held at Johns Hopkins Medical School.

At M.G.H., Mrs. Miller is Head Medical Artist and Director of the School of Medical Illustration. She has been very active in organizing and working with the 4-A's. Other extracurricular activities connected with the hospital include her own art work and her frequent help to The World including an assignment as judge for the 1952 photo contest.

Annual M.G.H. Christmas Party Planned For Dec. 22

Plans are under way for the annual M.G.H. Family Christmas Party which will be held on Tuesday evening, December 22. A preliminary meeting was held on Friday, November 13 to make plans for the event. All M.G.H. employees are welcome to the party. There will be a children's party followed by a party for adults. Watch the bulletin boards and The World for further details.

Hurry! Hurry! Hurry!

Vacation's-Gone-But-Not-Forgotten Contest!

Your relatives may be tired of seeing your vacation pictures, but we're not! We have CASH PRIZES for the three best pictures of that summer or late fall vacation! $10, $6, and $4 will go to the top three entries turned in to the Personnel Office by December 10.

Read These Contest Rules Carefully

1. The photographer must work at M.G.H. Doctor, Dietician, Secretary, House Officer, Porter, Technician—you're all eligible, but your cousin Fred who works as a photographer's assistant, isn't. We want **your** work.
2. Only one entry per person, please. You'll have to decide between that one of your wife waving from the summit of Mt. Washington, and the one of the kids digging sand at the beach.
3. Pictures should be at least 5" x 7". Your local drug store will make that snap into a photograph of display size for a small charge. And don't forget to put your name and department on the back of your entry.
4. All entries must be in Personnel by the 10th of December to be considered. The winners will be selected immediately and announced in the January World.
5. Judges will be: Donald Withee of the Photography Department, Dr. Edward F. Bland, Physician and an accomplished amateur photographer, and Dr. Roy Mabrey, Clinical Associate in Surgery and a camera enthusiast.

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Further Work Since Coenzyme A

After discovering coenzyme A in 1945, Dr. Lipmann and his associates did further work with the substance demonstrating how it brings forth the construction of large units, such as fatty acids and steroids necessary to the body's renewal and growth.

More recently, he has been investigating the mode of action of the thyroid hormone, long recognized as a regulator of energy utilization. Dr. Lipmann's studies are opening up an approach to a chemical understanding of the working mechanisms of the thyroid hormone, in particular of its toxic effects as manifested in hyperthyroid conditions.

Dr. Lipmann, his wife, and his son expect to go to Sweden to accept the award. In addition to the honor, the Nobel award carries a prize of 175,292 Swedish crowns ($33,840) which he will share with Dr. Krebs.

About Medicine

Heart disease of one kind or another kills more people in the United States today than any other disease. Because of that sobering fact, the clinical and research work done in M.G.H.'s CARDIAC LABORATORIES AND CLINICS is of importance to every reader of The World; that work is the subject of this third in the series, ABOUT MEDICINE.

Ever since the earliest observation of the pulse by Imhotep in Egypt in 2980 B.C., scientists have been studying the circulatory system; not only the heart, but also the vessels which transport blood to all parts of the body to maintain life. By 1628 A.D., when Harvey proved that blood circulates, the stage was set for the study of various heart diseases, their causes, their prevention, and their cure. It is to these tasks that the work of the Cardiac Clinics and Laboratories is directed.

Technician George Shallcross plays patient for fellow Technician Betty Stowe who shows how the ECG is taken. The bands on Mr. Shallcross' wrists secure the electrodes one of which is visible in the picture.

Clinical Activities In The Lab

The Cardiac Clinics, under the direction of Dr. Edward F. Bland, see patients who have been referred from the wards, from OPD, and from outside doctors and hospitals for further opinion; and often for surgical relief of scarred valves or other defects.

The recording and interpreting of electrocardiograms is the primary job of the Cardiac Lab itself. An electrocardiogram is "a picture of the action of the heart muscle as manifested by electrical waves; that is, the electrical current that the heart muscle generates with each beat is photographed on film or written directly on a special paper," according to Miss E. Louise Wheeler, Executive Secretary in the department.

The ECG "is useful in determining disturbances of heart rhythm and conduction, it helps in determining the cause of heart disease (congenital heart disease, rheumatic heart disease, coronary thrombosis, hypertensive heart disease, and others), and the effect of various drugs," Miss Wheeler adds.

Technician Debbie Hanson adjusts the large ECG machine in the Cardiac Lab.

Types Of Machines

There are several types of machines used by Head Technician Miss Sally Poor and six assisting technicians. The largest machine, built specially for the lab, takes tracing on patients who come to the lab. Patients in the Baker and Phillips House may have ECGs taken without leaving their rooms. Wires run to the rooms in Baker and to a special room in Phillips House. The necessary connections are made to the patient, the lab is telephoned, and the record is made on the machine in the central laboratory.

The smaller machines are portable so that the technicians can take them to patients who are too sick to come to the lab. The technicians also spend an hour and a half in OPD each morning taking records on patients in the clinics.

How The ECG Is Taken

The ECG begins as the technician rubs a small amount of paste on both forearms and the calf of each leg for a good contact. An electrode, secured by a band, is placed over the paste and then connected by cable to the sensitive machine, the electrocardiograph, which then records the minute currents set up by the heart with each of its contractions.

The word **lead** designates the parts of the body from which the electrical connections are made (i.e., limb leads are from the right arm, the left arm, or left leg—the right leg is used as a ground). The lead indicates the curve made on the film from a particular connection.

Six combinations of leads from the limbs and six precordial (chest) leads are routinely taken in the ECG tracing which is both painless and harmless. The Cardiac Lab's Day Book lists a total of 138,000 ECG's taken since the founding of the lab by Dr. Paul D. White in 1914.

The 30 to 40 ECG's taken daily are processed, interpreted by the doctors in the laboratory, and the reports made available on the floors all in one day.

Dr. Bland, the two cardiac research fellows, the other physicians associated with the lab, and physicians and students interested in the case are often present at the interpretation conferences in the afternoons.

Teaching Program

In addition to their faculty assignments at Harvard Medical School, various members of the medical staff of the cardiac group give courses in heart disease, in electrocardiography, and in other specialized techniques related to the heart. Harvard Medical School seniors tak elective courses in Cardiology at M.G.H.

Finally, in collaboration with Harvard Medical School, a one year course in cardiovascular diseases is given starting each October 1st for 12 physicians.

Research Activities

In addition to clinical and teaching programs in Cardiology, M.G.H. has an active research program in diseases of the heart.

In describing the research problem which he is investigating with Dr. P. Ongley and Mr. M. Rappaport, Dr. Luis Arias, Clinical Fellow in Medicine referred to another apparatus used in Cardiology—the phonocardiogram. "A phonocardiogram," he explained, "is a tracing of the heart **sounds** taken with a microphone and electrically recorded on paper. That is, it is a graphic registration of heart sounds."

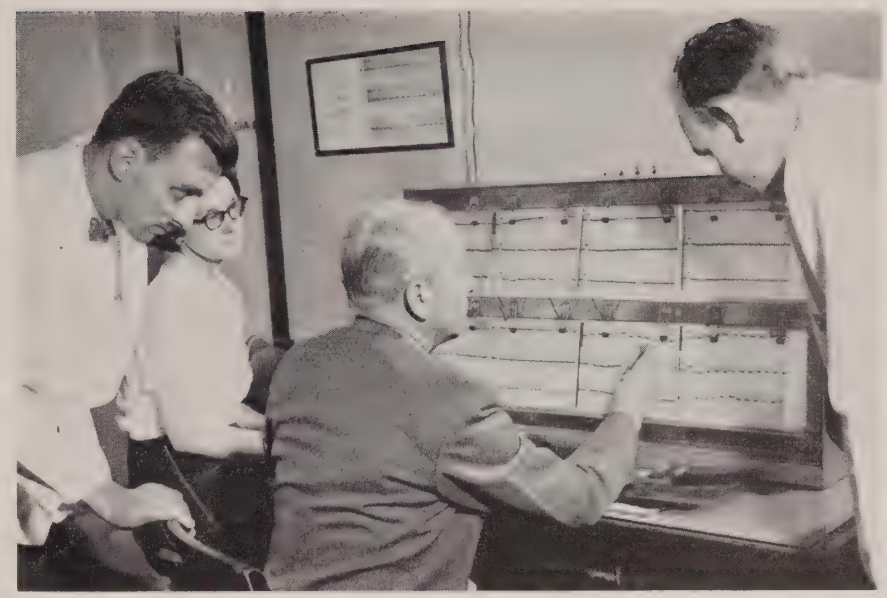
"What we are trying to discover," says Dr. Arias, "is if we can find any abnormalities in the phonocardiogram which cannot be detected by the usual methods of examination. We know that patients who have had rheumatic fever sometimes develop rheumatic heart disease. With this machine, we are trying to determine if these patients who have had rheumatic fever, and who show no clinical evidence of rheumatic heart disease have low intensity murmurs. We are also checking normal patients to see whether they too have these slight murmurs, in order to establish their significance," he concluded.

Studies In Coronary Disease

Dr. Edwin O. Wheeler, Assistant Physician said about his research work, that "five years ago, studies were made in the Cardiac Laboratory, of a series of young men with coronary heart disease which indicated that certain genetic and biochemical factors might have predisposed them to the development of this disease. We have continued to study one of these factors—the blood cholesterol (a chemical substance found in all animals). We are determining the frequency of coronary heart disease among the members of families who have a disorder characterized by abnormally high concentrations of blood cholesterol to see if an unusually high number of these people also have coronary heart disease."

Cardiac Catheterization

Dr. Allan Friedlich described cardiac catheterization on which he, Dr. Gordon Scannell, and Dr. Gordon Myers are working, as a process in which a small catheter (tube) is inserted into a vein in the arm and into the heart. "Cardiac catheterization enables us to measure the output (amount per minute) of the various chambers of the heart, and gives us very valuable information in regard to the functioning of the heart under various pathological conditions," explained Dr. Friedlich. It is especially helpful in the study of patients undergoing surgery for certain heart conditions.



Dr. Edward F. Bland, seated, calls the attention of Dr. Guillermo Sanchez, left, and Dr. Kyle Swisher, Cardiac Research Fellows, to a point on the ECG reading. Miss Sally Poor looks on. These large films are called process films. They are taken on the large machine pictured on the preceding page.

In addition to its usefulness in measuring the effectiveness of surgery, cardiac catheterization is also used to investigate the way in which drugs act in circulation, and finally, concluded Dr. Friedlich, "It is very useful in the diagnosis of certain heart diseases, especially congenital heart diseases."

Studies In Hypertension

A study of the effectiveness of drugs in controlling hypertension, high blood pressure, is the project of Dr. James H. Currens, Assistant in Medicine.

Dr. Currens said, "Only in the past few years have the potent and purified drugs been available for clinical trial, and we are studying their effectiveness in lowering the blood pressure."

"The two drugs we are most interested in are purified drugs from old medicines or herbs which have been used for centuries; one in Europe and the other in Asia."

"To facilitate the study," Dr. Currens concluded, "the Physics Department has been working with us in developing a machine which will automatically and periodically record the blood pressure." Drs. Gordon Brownell and Saul Aronow have cooperated in the utilization of electronic principles to provide a machine which will enable the effectiveness of these drugs to be studied objectively.

Hypertension Lab Research

"Workers in the Hypertension Lab are interested in determining the relationship of the nervous system to changes in circulation," according to Dr. William P. Chapman, Assistant in Medicine. "One aspect of this work," he said, "is a study of the relationship of certain brain structures in man to the regulation of blood pressure and the heart rate as well as to emotional expression and body movements."

Psychiatric patients who are candidates for brain surgery are being observed in this study in which fine wires are placed in areas later to be destroyed by the neurosurgeon.

Brain wave recordings are being used to give the physician knowledge about the effects of electrical stimulation on circulation and on emotional behavior and body movements.

Dr. Chapman described the other aspect of the work as a "long term follow-up of patients who have had nerve connections from the central nervous system (sympathetic nerves) interrupted for hypertension. It is hoped that a ten year follow-up will help to clarify the type of patient who does well by this procedure (called a sympathectomy) and to establish more effectively the comparative merits of surgery and medical treatment in the management of this circulatory disorder."

Area Display Oscillograph

Dr. Conger Williams, Associate Physician, described the area display oscillograph as a "T-V technique." "It is a way of visualizing electrical changes in the chest over a large area all at one time," he said.

Definite conclusions as to the usefulness of the area display oscillograph are awaiting the construction of a better apparatus, but it is anticipated that the machine will be a useful adjunct to the existing diagnostic tools of the physician.

Assistant Foreman O. Stanley Mason guides a piece of wood through the planer.

It's a busy place any day of the week in the Carpentry Shop. Samuel Giarrusso, center foreground is busy at the work bench. Next to him is James Thompson and then, Lewis Sears. Mr. Smith is in the background. James MacEwen (wearing the glasses) is next, followed by James Franklin. Albert Almeida mends a chair while John Tobin works on a fan for the Post Office.

The Carpentry Shop

It's a somewhat hazardous climb up the open fire escape stairs to the second floor of the Old City Stables where the Carpentry Shop is located, but it's a trip worth the climb.

Except for the construction of such recognizable hospital supplies as a Balkan Frame or the reconstruction of a wheelchair, it doesn't look on the surface, as though the shop has much to do with a hospital. Instead, there is the fragrant smell of wood and sawdust, the whine of the electric planer as planks of wood are piloted through it sending out showers of shavings, the kegs of nails and the stacks of wood—but it's all surprisingly vital to the efficient running of an institution the size of M.G.H.

Foreman Frank Smith using the Band Saw.

Kinsman Describes Shop's Duties

According to Mr. Raymond V. Kinsman, Head of the Maintenance Department, there are 14 men in the shop. Two men work on screens, repairing, painting, and mounting them. One man takes care of keys, locks and door checks.

A foreman, Charles Smith, and assistant foreman, O. Stanley Mason keep things running smoothly, and do the necessary supervising of the larger projects such as the recent building of the Chemistry Lab.

Two cabinet makers do the finer cabinet work such as laboratory cabinets, detailed shelving, or special jobs like the construction of the stand for the large M.G.H. model in the Moseley Rotunda.

One furniture repair man mends broken chairs, desks, and tables. Six construction men build frames for concrete work, set frames for doors, do regular shelving work—these six do the bulk of the day to day carpentry work that constantly needs doing at M.G.H.

In order to qualify as a carpenter, a man should have studied cabinet making and blue print reading, and a number of the first class carpenters in the department hold city building licenses as well.

When the new Pathology Building is erected, the shop will move to the third floor of what has been the Powerhouse, the Surgical Animal Farm, and the Path Building. This "new" location will be just one flight above the site where the Carpentry Shop began its career at M.G.H. When the moving day arrives, motorized equipment worth approximately $8,000 will go along to do an estimated $95,000 worth of business per year.

Social Service

The psychiatric unit lost the services of Miss Marianne Richardson who is now associated with the Boston Dispensary, Child Psychiatry Unit. Recent changes in that unit included the moving of the Child Psychiatry Department to Burnham 7. Miss Eleanor Clark and Miss Grace Nichols, social workers, can be reached at extension 168.

New members in the Surgical Unit include Mrs. Margaret Nichols, who comes to us from Massachusetts Public Welfare Department, where she was employed part-time with the medical review board. She is situated in the Tumor Clinic, replacing Miss Constance McGrath, who is presently at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston. Mrs. Estelle Handelman, a recent graduate of Boston University, is assigned to the East Surgical Service.

CREDIT DEPT.

This month's safety cartoon was drawn by George Boyce of Dr. Albright's Lab. The small drawings for the Suggestion Awards and Alley Tallies were made by Jacqueline Perham of the Dietary Dept.

Mr. Mattos Made Member Of Administrators' Group

Mr. E. R. Mattos, Assistant Director, has been advanced to the status of member in the American College of Hospital Administrators. Only Directors and Assistant Directors of approved hospitals are eligible for membership in the group.

Suggestion Awards

Betty Stowe of the Cardiac Lab was awarded $5.00 for suggesting that a mirror be placed on the wall of the corridor leading from Vincent to the OPD.

Spotlight On The Secretaries Office

The Secretaries Office is one of the busy hospital units located on the first floor of the White Building. One of its important functions is taking care of all incoming mail addressed to the M.G.H., such as bills, checks, and general mail not designated to any specific office. This is opened, sorted and distributed. Twice daily, at noon and at four o'clock, outgoing mail from all over the hospital is brought to the office and sent out through the mailing machine, which stamps and seals the letters in one operation. Approximately $900.00 in stamps is used each month, which means the handling of about 30,000 pieces of mail—letters, x-rays, reprints, small packages, etc.

Mrs. Mary Kalgren speaks on the telephone while Miss Theresa M. Wyse takes care of the mail.

Other important duties consist of taking all dictation from Dr. Clay and Dr. Lezer, Assistant Directors, and from Miss Anne McLaughlin, Dr. Clark's secretary, filing of all General Hospital correspondence, typing, special dictation from the House Officers, general secretarial work for the G. H. Admitting Office, and keeping an up-to-date file of all Staff, Alumni, Fellows, etc. In addition, the Secretaries Office is responsible for sending out many of the Hospital's publications, its Annual Reports (approximately 2,000 annually), and letters to Active Staff and Resident Staff. All appointments to the Visiting Staff, House Staff and Clinical and Research Fellows are taken care of through this office, in addition to its other functions.

Miss Reno Grasso, standing, reads to Miss Anne McLaughlin of the Secretaries Office.

ALLEY TALLIES

Beginning Thursday, November 12, the Bowling League will be reorganized. The League wil be consolidated from an eight to a six team League with five members on a team. The reorganization has been undertaken to strengthen the group and provide keener competition.

Another feature of the new plan is that for the first time in its history, the League will have a split season with the winners of each half season competing for the ultimate title in a "World Series" contest at the end of the season. This particular move will increase the chance for several teams which have gotten off to a poor start to come back in the second part of the season.

In the past few weeks, the League has seen an increase in competition as evidenced by the first division teams. The Yankees are still out in front with Maintenance and Accounting very close behind, tied for second place.

The new leaders in individual scoring titles are Lou Jeffrey of the Yankees for high single, and Ralph Cluff of Printing with the high three string. The Accountants have taken over the team scoring titles; they seem to have recovered the form that made them champions in '52.

The League average is over 85, which is fairly good in any group. Perhaps the biggest surprise of the season is the sensational bowling of Bob Alfredson of the Electricians.

Louis Jeffrey

M.G.H. Credit Union Has Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Credit Union was held on Thursday, November 12. A dividend of 2% was declared at the meeting.

According to Dr. E. T. Neumann, Administrator, and current chairman of the group, there have been $85,000 in deposits since last year's meeting. During that same period, $57,000 was withdrawn for vacations, Christmas expenses, and emergencies. The net increase in savings deposited in the Credit Union amounts to $28,000.

A total of 167 loans were granted out of 172 requests. These loans totaled $21,000.

In addition to the declaration of the dividend, the business of the meeting included the election of members to the Board of Directors. For the term ending in 1956, the following present members were re-elected: Mr. Harold L. Emrich, Assistant Comptroller; Mr. Hugh W. Heney, Appliance Room; Dr. E. T. Neumann, Administrator; Miss Louise M. Paolucci, Phillips House Cashier; and Mr. Carroll M. Smith, Coat Room.

For the unexpired term held by Miss Marjorie Crothers who is leaving the hospital, Miss Clara Cory of Social Service, was elected. Her term will expire in 1955.

Credit Union membership is open to any M.G.H. employee. A single $5.00 share is the cost of membership. There is a twenty-five cent application charge. The $5.00 share may be paid for by regular salary deductions. The Credit Union Office is located on Baker 2, and it is open for applications on Thursday afternoons.

Answers To Name The Office Danger

1. Cutting corners has often been described as poor economy. And cutting **around** corners at fifty miles an hour (or whatever speed you can achieve by running) is a poor time saver as well. Staff Clinic had eight patients last year who met with head-on collisions in the halls of M.G.H. when they dashed around corners without looking to see who (or what) was coming from the other direction.

2. Whoa, gal! Didn't you know that four people had to go to Staff Clinic last year because they fell running up the stairs. It is possible to fall upstairs, you see, so make sure that you aren't the one who defies gravity this unpleasant way.

3. Have you heard about the case of the open desk drawer? Last year, four people tripped over open drawers and had to go to Staff Clinic—there are no statistics available on the number of pairs of torn stockings resulting from the same situation, but they'd probably add up to the price of a Hattie Carnegie dress, so close those desk drawers for the sake of your stockings, and your health!

4. Do you ever bang your fingers on file drawers by closing them carelessly? Last year, five people slammed file drawers on their fingers hard enough to have to go to Staff Clinic about it.

5. Slam! Bang! And then comes Ouch! Slamming and banging doors not only annoys the people who listen, but it might send you to Staff Clinic, as it did to eight people last year.

6. Tilting back on the hind legs of your chair may be comfortable, for a while, but it's bad for the furniture, and it can be very bad, for you, if the chair should slip from under you, as it did to two people last year. Being abruptly deposited on the floor is not only undignified—it may also be very dangerous, and painful.

ABOUT FOLKS

Dietary Tidbits

Blanche Bassett of East and Nurses' Cafeterias—one of our ten year pin wearers—will become Mrs. Edward Daniels in December. November 4 was the date of a bridal shower held in her honor by her friends in Dietary.

Ben Springer of White Kitchen has been hospitalized for many weeks. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Ruth Powers of the Food Store is happy about the splendid recovery of her son Richard who underwent Orthopedic Surgery late in October here at M.G.H. Mrs. Powers was impressed with the fine service as well as the kindliness of the surgical and nursing staffs.

Frances Harvey

Medical Records

The staff of the Medical Records Department has been augmented by a group which works from 3:30 p.m. until midnight. The work which they accomplish during these hours relieves the day staff of some of the detailed work, and allows them to work on the "problem" situations that arise.

It might be interesting to note the names and educational activities of these night workers: Supervisor is **Mrs. Marian C. Emens,** a Registered Medical Record Librarian, formerly from Connecticut, now living in Medford; **James Sexton,** an English major at Northeastern; **Donald MacCalmon,** a pre-med student at Northeastern; **John Geary,** a pre-law student at Boston University; and **Patrick J. Saine,** a Yeoman third class in the Navy who plans to enter college in this vicinity after he is separated this February.

Katherine Mawson

Housekeeping

Mrs. Ann McCauley is in charge of what is probably the busiest spot in the hospital—the OPD—and with her small Housekeeping crew she manages to keep things in working order. It is not the usual policy of this column to single out individuals, but the department feels that in this case precedent can be broken to say "Well done, Mrs. McCauley."

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Mr. Robert May has assumed the position of Assistant to Mr. MacNair, the Superintendent of Housekeeping. In his new position, Mr. May has the giant-sized task of overseeing the housekeeping in all of the buildings for which the department is responsible.

Mr. Roland Begin has been entertaining visitors—his parents who are visiting him from their home in New Hampshire.

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Mr. John Disario, Baker Foreman, recently became the proud father of a baby boy. This is the Disarios second son. Congratulations!

John Roche

Pharmacy Notes

Welcome to the Pharmacy fold to **Evelyn Corbett,** previously of Dispatch.

And it is pleasant to say welcome back to **Eddie Cianciarulo** who is back with us after a hitch with Uncle Sam. Eddie was an officer with the U. S. Army in the Panama Canal Zone. Eddie is also a graduate of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and a registered pharmacist.

Louis Jeffrey

Social Service

Students from Simmons College, Boston University, and Smith College Schools of Social Work are assigned to various units in the hospital for their advance training in Social Work. From B. U. we welcome Miss Beverly Borr and Miss Arlene Kaplan. They have been assigned to Bulfinch Medical and Surgical units respectively. Miss Louise Feldman will be in the Cardiac Service; Miss D. Barbara McNally will be in the Surgical Unit, and Miss Ann Warren will also be in the Bulfinch Medical Unit. Misses Priscilla Williams and Nancy Zimmerman have been assigned to the Children's Medical Service. The above students come from Simmons College, School of Social Work.

Mr. Walter Wysocki and Josephine Dunham will be situated in the Psychiatric Unit, both are students from Simmons. Miss Aase George, third year student, and Miss Eleanor Bradley are also placed in the psychiatric unit from Smith College, School for Social Work.

The Surgical Unit will occupy new offices in the near future. Miss Salzman, head of the unit and the clerical staff will be on White 8, Mrs. Estelle Handelman on White 7, Miss Beatrice Talbot and Miss Miriam Tom on White 6. They may be reached at extensions 883 or 884.

Miriam Tom

Calling All Talent

See Miss Lubell in Personnel to volunteer to help entertain patients at Christmas.

Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary

The annual Red Feather Campaign is now underway at the Infirmary.

This year, the Infirmary's quota has been increased from $3,750 to $3,900. **Miss A. Mangiaracine** is leading the campaign as chairman. The soliciting captains to the various departments are **Miss Frances Buch, Miss Nancy Burgess,** and **Miss Barbara Ciccolo**—nursing; **Miss Phyllis Brown**—secretarial and accounting; **Mrs. Lillian Clancy**—Retina Foundation; **Miss Barbara DeLue**—laboratories; **Mr. John Garvey**—housekeeping; **Miss Isabel Gomez**—aides; **Mrs. Carol LaPointe**—dietary; **Miss Mary Love**—Social Service; **Miss Marilyn Myers**—house doctors; **Miss Walberg Petersen**—staff doctors.

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The following changes in personnel have taken place at the Infirmary:

Miss Louise Takvorian, former secretary in the eye pathology laboratory, has transferred to the front desk. **Miss Charlotte Furbish** has taken her place in the laboratory.

Miss Janet Stocks has been appointed nursing instructor at the Infirmary.

Mrs. Margaret Collet has been added to the nursing staff as in instructor of nurses and aides. **Mrs. Collet** replaces **Mrs. Abbott.**

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The work simplification course, defined as an organized application of common sense to find easier and better ways of doing work, will be given to all Infirmary employees in 10, two-hour periods. The first group of 15 will meet the first week in November and will include those on a supervisory level. The plan is to present a basic course upon the request of employees.

As a result of the work simplification conference for hospital personnel, **Miss Mary Shepard,** director of nursing education at the Infirmary, called a meeting September 30, of all the department heads. At this time, she presented the program, in general, and described some of the techniques for work simplification which she learned at the conference.

The September conference is to be followed with subsequent, monthly progress meetings of 15 representatives from Boston Hospitals. These meetings will be conducted by **Mr. H. G. Dunlap** of H. P. Hood & Sons, an authority on work simplification.

H. Jean MacDuffie

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A Message From The Community Fund Office

Through The World, the M.G.H.-Red Feather Campaign Committee extends sincere thanks to all who helped raise $20,510 during the five weeks intensive part of the 1954 Hospital Campaign. Whether as workers, contributors, or goodwill promoters of the Red Feather cause and the important role the M.G.H., a Red Feather Hospital, plays in it, your personal contribution is gratefully acknowledged.

The official period of the Metropolitan Campaign came to a close on November 24. The Hospital has never failed to reach its quota in the past, and every effort is being made to maintain this tradition by bringing the grand total contribution from the M.G.H. up to $21,500. Delayed gifts or additional ones sent in to the Community Fund Office will be deeply appreciated.

Visitor Eugene O'Neill of Lawrence takes a closer look at the Flower Shop display.

Yeoman Of The Guard Set For '54 Operetta

Gilbert and Sullivan's popular "Yeoman of the Guard" was chosen by the M.G.H. Operetta Company as its 1954 production, at a meeting held on November 18, 1953. The date of the first rehearsal was set for Tuesday, January 5, 1954, at 7:15 p.m. Notices will go out at the end of December indicating the exact time and place of the casting, and the kinds of talents needed. In addition to the solo parts, there will be numerous roles in the chorus, and the company will be able to use people interested in production, costuming, make up, lighting, scenery, and publicity.

Some committees have been organized and chairmen appointed. These chairmen include J. Arthur Ouellet, Baker Nursing, Costumes; Eleanor Lyons, wife of James Lyons of General Nursing, Wardrobe Mistress; and James Lyons, Music. Miss Margot Warner will again direct the production. She will be assisted by Richard Rogers, General Nursing.

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES CROWD DECEMBER CALENDAR

Yule Season To Be Filled With Parties, Music

Many different groups are cooperating to make the M.G.H. Christmas season a memorable one for patients and personnel alike. Hospital employees, staff wives, the Ladies' Visiting Committee, the Distaff Club, and many outside groups are joining together to present a series of Christmas activities lasting from December 8 through Christmas Day.

M.G.H. Family Christmas Party

One of the highlights of the season will be the M.G.H Family Christmas Party, to be held on Tuesday, December 22. There will be a children's party at 7:00 and an adults' party and dance from 8:00 until 12:00. Co-chairmen of this event are Mrs. Soma Weiss, Community Relations Consultant, and Mr. E. R. Mattos, Assistant Director. The Family Party to which all employees and their families are invited, has been a very popular event, and plans have been made to make this year's party better than ever.

Musical Events Featured

Traditional carols will be prominent in a series of musical programs which started on December 8 at 3:00 with a chapel concert by The Morning Chorale, directed by Mrs. Mary Loud. Mrs. Richard B. Neiley, Chairman of the Christmas Committee of the Ladies' Visiting Committee has arranged to have a number of outside groups come to the hospital to present musical programs.

The Radcliffe College Bell Ringers presented a program on December 10. Among the groups doing carols on the wards were the Harvard Glee Club, the Winsor Glee Club, and the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, which will sing tonight, at 7:00 p.m. The New England Conservatory of Music will also send a group. They will sing on December 21 from 3:00 until 5:00.

Another event of this evening is the Distaff Club Christmas Party. The Distaff Club is composed of the wives of doctors on the House Staff, and the women members of the House Staff.

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The Christmas Miracle

Christmas is more a custom than it is a holiday. When we think of it as a custom, we take for granted the remarkable changes in our habits which prevail during this season.

It is a time when we decorate our tables, our windows, and our streets to show to every traveler and passer-by that we feel warm and friendly toward him.

It is a time when we all seem to know in our hearts that it is truly "more blessed to give than to receive."

It is a time when in spirit "we become as little children." We give much thought to making children as happy as we were or longed to be.

The miracle of Christmas is that it helps us fulfill to a remarkable degree our highest and best expectations of ourselves. Our coldness and self-centeredness; our fears, hates and guilts are temporarily suspended. On this day of days, we want every child to be wanted, loved and cared for. We want every person of whatever race or creed to feel that he is truly a brother and that we are children together of one Father. It is as if the Kingdom of God comes on earth at Christmas time.

This Christmas miracle makes it abundantly clear that the purpose of existence is to live a life that is increasingly free from pride and prejudice, fear and hate. The compassion and goodwill of Christmas is the power that can weld Christian and Jew, black and white, native and alien into a holy family of God on earth.

Chaplain James H. Burns

Mr. Abbot Stevens cuts the ribbon on the new front door. Dr. Dean Clark left and a group of trustees and guests look on. (Story on page 3.)

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Nurses' Activities

The Christmas Formal Dance for Student Nurses will be held on Friday, December 18, at 8:00 in the Moseley Rotunda. The Candlelight Service will also be held in the Rotunda. The date set for that event is Monday, December 21, at 8:00.

M.G.H. Caroling

Carol singing by the M.G.H. family is another event for which definite plans have been made. Everyone is invited to join in the singing in the White Lobby from 12:00 to 1:00 on Tuesday, December 22, Wednesday, December 23, and Thursday, December 24. On Wednesday, caroling through the wards will be held from 4:00 until 6:00.

A Children's Party on Burnham 6 completes the list of planned events for the season.

Decorations Throughout Hospital

Christmas decorations have been the work of several different groups. The display cabinets have been designed and planned by Miss Anna Viden of the Nursing Department, and a group of her friends.

The nativity scene in the Brick Corridor is the joint project of the Medical Art Department under Mrs. Muriel Miller, and the Occupational Therapy Department under the direction of Mrs. Irma Cohen.

Mrs. Cohen and the OT Department also supply paints and wreaths to the wards. The Ladies' Visiting Committee pays for these supplies. The decorative programs of events which are sent to patients as well as to trustees and friends of the hospital, are also made by the OT Department.

Committee Members

Members of the M.G.H. Family Christmas Party Committee include, in addition to Mrs. Weiss and Mr. Mattos: Mrs. Constance Braman, Phillips House; Miss Charlotte Brown, Student Nurses; Miss Louise Hatch, Dietary Department; Miss Miriam Huggard, Phillips House; Mr. Raymond Kinsman, Maintenance Department; Miss Sarah Lifvergren, Baker Admitting Office; Miss Dolores Lubell, Personnel Department; Mr. William MacNair, Housekeeping Department; Mrs. Muriel Miller, Medical Arts Department; Miss Marjorie Shea, Community Relations Department; Miss Barbara Stevens, Student Dietitians; Miss Jessie Stewart, School of Nursing; Mrs. Vernon Mark and Mrs. Eji Suyama from the Distaff Club; Mrs. Walter Bauer, Mrs. Edward D. Churchill, Mrs. George Speare, and Mrs. Ralph Thompson of the M.G.H. Staff Wives; and Mrs. Augustus Thorndike of the Ladies' Visiting Committee.

Nursing Department Announces Appointments

In an announcement from Miss Edna Lepper, Associate Director of Nursing Service, it was learned that four Assistant Directors of Nursing Service have been named. These nurses and the areas of their supervision are as follows:

Miss Frances Grady was appointed in February, 1953 to direct the Bulfinch Building nursing services. A graduate of Carney Hospital School of Nursing, she holds a B.S. degree from Teachers College of Columbia University. She has been staff nurse, and head nurse in Baker Memorial, and a supervisor in Bulfinch.

Miss Adele Corkum, was appointed to the Baker Memorial in July, 1953. A graduate of the M.G.H. School of Nursing, she will be completing work for the B.S. degree at Boston University, this month. She has been a staff nurse, head nurse, night supervisor, and supervisor in several departments.

Miss Daphne Corbett, was appointed to the White Building in September of 1953. A graduate of the M.G.H. School of Nursing, she took her B.S. at Teachers College, Columbia, and her M.A. at Boston University. She has served as head nurse and supervisor, at M.G.H., and as instructor, assistant director of nurses, and director of nurses, at other institutions. She came back to M.G.H. from Faulkner Hospital, where she was Director of Nurses.

Miss Helen Couglan, received her appointment in September, 1953. She is in charge of all operating rooms. Also an M.G.H. graduate, she is attending Boston University on a part time basis. She has been a night supervisor in Baker, O. R. supervisor at Phillips House, and during World War II, she was in charge of the operating room at a Base Hospital.

The six situations above should be familiar to everyone who has lived through a holiday season. Turn to page seven for a discussion on how to prevent your holiday joy from becoming a holiday mishap.

Glee Club Notes

The newly created M.G.H. Glee Club has been preparing for Christmas by brushing up on their singing of carols. The group will form the nucleus of the caroling group which will go through the hospital on December 23.

The group meets the first and third Wednesday of every month in the Lower OPD Amphitheatre from 7:30 until 9:00. Refreshments are served after each meeting.

Eric Frankson Dies

Mr. Eric Frankson, for many years a hospital employee, died on Thanksgiving Day. Mr. Frankson, stepfather of Mr. William MacNair, Superintendent of Housekeeping, worked in the Upper Store for fifty years until his recent retirement.

Correction

Last month's World incorrectly stated that the dividend declared by the Credit Union was 2%. The correct amount of the dividend is 2½%.

New Front Doors Opened At Ceremony

On November 13, 1953, the new doors in the George Robert White Building entrance of the Massachusetts General Hospital were officially opened. A generous gift from the Nathaniel and Elizabeth P. Stevens Foundation made their construction possible. As a Trustee of the Foundation and as a member of the Corporation of the Hospital, Mr. Abbot Stevens cut the ribbon at the ceremonies which marked the occasion. Then, escorted by Dr. Dean A. Clark, General Director, he was the first to walk through the new doors of the Hospital.

ABOUT MEDICINE

Huntington Memorial Laboratories

There are two ways in which cancer research can be oriented, according to Dr. Joseph C. Aub, Director of the Huntington Memorial Laboratories. One approach places great stress on the search for new methods of treatment. When this is the approach chosen, research workers try out one thing after another in the attempt to find something that will help the patient.

The other approach is to try to find out what makes cancer—what causes this unrestrained growth which kills the organism in which it develops. Investigation into new forms of therapy is a part of this second route, but the emphasis is on the search for the basic causes of the disease, with the hope that better methods of treatment will follow.

This is the approach of the Collis P. Huntington Memorial Laboratories. The Huntington Hospital for the treatment and study of cancer belongs to Harvard University and was a separate institution from 1912 until 1941. At that time, it was decided that affiliation with a larger institution such as M.G.H. would be beneficial, and in 1942, the affiliation was effected.

In 1951, the new Research Building was opened, and the Huntington Memorial moved to its present quarters on the third and four floors of the building.

Cancer A Disease Of Growth Regulation

The central position in cancer research of the nature of growth has been universally accepted. Dr. Paul Zamecnik, Associate Physician stated the problem when he said, "Cancer is a disease of growth regulation. Cancer continuously grows at a rapid rate without reference to the needs of the body. Growth continues until it overwhelms the rest of the body. Because of that fact, we are studying the nature of normal regulation of growth as well as of abnormal growth."

Research Methods

Dr. Zamecnik explained how a diversified approach is inherent in the programs and personnel of the Huntington Laboratories. "This is not 'programatic' research," he said, "where everyone works on one small part of a master plan. We share equipment and ideas among ourselves and with other groups in the hospital, but the research workers here, coming from different scientific disciplines, rely on their own inspiration in devising approaches to the problem of growth regulation."

Steroid Work Of Dr. Engel Related To Clinical Work

The work of Dr. Lewis Engel, Associate Biochemist, is an example of this close relationship between research and clinical work. Dr. Engel is using the Craig Countercurrent Distribution Machine, a device for separating closely related compounds in the steroid research program in which male, female and adrenal hormones in urine are studied.

Dr. Edgar Taft mounts a section of frozen liver tissue.

The purpose of this research is to study the metabolism of these compounds in cancer patients, particularly in cases of cancer of the breast or prostate gland. Selected patients are studied in an effort to determine why hormone therapy works on some patients and not on others.

Urine specimens are used because the hormones and the metabolic breakdown products are found in it in workable quantities. The Countercurrent Distribution Machine takes the urinary extract and distributes various constituents to different tubes in the machine so that it can be determined what compounds are present and in what quantities.

According to Dr. Engel, the theory on which the steroid research program is based is the "suspicion that there is a metabolic error in these patients. That is, there is something wrong with the way they metabolize hormones." Therefore, the over-all metabolic picture of the patient as well as the particular use of these steroid hormones is under study.

Clinical Work Related To Work In Labs

Under the direction of Drs. Aub and Nathanson, clinical research is focussing on the effect of tumor-host relationships. Why is it, for instance, that a cancer will be cut out, nothing will happen for twenty years, and then the tumor wil become very active, and the patient will go rapidly downhill? Is there a change in the host or does the tumor itself change?

The clinical investigation of these problems is carried on in close conjunction with the laboratories of the Huntington Memorial. Balance studies of patients on the metabolic wards are carried out in an attempt to see how they handle certain compounds under the influence of therapy and the disease itself. Metabolic studies are made on patients before and after

Mrs. Joanne Pillsbury, injects urinary extract into the Craig Counter Current Distribution Machine. The lever on the right moves the entire apparatus.

adrenolectomies, as well. These are the same patients who are studied by Dr. Engel in the steroid program.

The problem of anemia in cancer as a reflection of tumor-host relationships is also under investigation. The feeling is that this anemia may correlate with the growth rate of the tumor.

The growth rate of tumors is under investigation from still another aspect—the comparison of the rate of uptake of radioactive potassium, K^{42}, before and after hormone therapy. In cases of breast cancer, this is developing into an objective test of the effect of the therapy.

Investigation of Proteins Important

Dr. Elizabeth B. Keller, Research Fellow in Medicine, described the work of the radioactive lab, as an attempt to understand the mechanism of growth through the study of protein synthesis. That is, the rate at which proteins are built can be measured using radioactive amino acids. The rate of production is studied for all kinds of cell protein in the hope of finding out more about the growth process itself.

Drs. Keller and Zamecnik are using radioactive amino acids and watching how they are handled biologically.

To do this, liver cells are broken down to make a preparation with enzyme activity. The next step is to add to this liver preparation the radioactive amino acid.

Observing the time it takes for the amino acids to be put into the protein substance is the next step. The rate at which this takes place is very slow, because the enzymes and proteins are no longer in the living cell.

The technique of measurement involves the use of an automatically operated Geiger Counter—a circular platform with disks for the different protein samples rotates, moving one sample at a time into the counter. If the radioactive substance has been taken into the protein, then radioactive atoms in the protein break up, giving off electrons. These single electrons are magnified by the autoscaler, into an electric current which operates the recording mechanism.

In this way, they can find out how much radioactive amino acid was built into protein.

Work on Cholesterol Similar to Protein Work

A similar kind of study is being made on a different substance by Dr. Nancy L. R. Bucher, Associate Biologist. Dr. Bucher said of cholesterol that "it is a known chemical substance which is found in all cells of the higher animals. Therefore, it appears to be an important substance biologically, although we do not yet know just what it does. At present, we are trying to find out which part of the cell makes it, and how it is put together."

The method used by Dr. Bucher also utilizes a radioactive substance in tracing cell activities. She is studying the formation of cholesterol from acetate. The acetate contains two carbon atoms, one of which is radioactive. It is well known that when this substance is incubated with slices of rat liver suspended in a saline solution, radioactive cholesterol is formed. This result shows that the carbon from the acetate is built into the cholesterol by the cells in the liver slices.

Dr. Bucher has found that this same reaction will occur even if the liver is ground very fine so that there are no longer any intact cells present. By this means, the intermediate steps between the simple two carbon structure of acetate and the very complex 27-carbon structure of cholesterol can now be investigated in detail.

The value of this study to cancer research lies in the fact that cholesterol is a basic cell constituent, and therefore, it is important to learn how it works, and how it is created.

Histochemical Lab Studies Cells

Believing that a new approach to understanding the nature of cancerous growth might lie in the chemistry of the cell, Dr. Jesse Scott, Associate Biophysicist and Dr. Taft are doing chemical studies on the liver cells of rats which have been given cancer-producing drugs.

"What we'd like to do is to take one cell and watch its development all the way through," said Dr. Scott, "but since a cell is approximately one hundred millionth of a gram (there are 30 grams in one ounce) in size, we can't very well do this. Instead, what we're doing is to take small groups of cells and, studying the chemical difference in cells which are normal, from those which are unmistakably cancerous. That is, we are trying to plot the **chemical** changes which parallel the morphological (structural) changes which the pathologist can describe."

Research Technique Described

The technique used involves taking liver tissue and freezing it in liquid nitrogen. Then a cork borer is used to core out a cylinder of cells from the tissue. The plugs of frozen tissue are cut into sections about a 2/100 of a millimeter thick (there are 25 millimeters in one inch) by an apparatus known as a microtome.

These thin circular sections of tissue are taken in groups of five by Assistant Pathologist, Dr. Edgar B. Taft who examines the center section (which has been stained) to ascertain whether it has the exact morphology which is desired for chemical study. Dr. Scott's group assumes that the other four sections which were cut with the one examined by Dr. Taft, must be very similar. These sections, then, are the ones they analyze.

Skills, Old and New Used in Cancer Fight

Today, almost 2000 years after the first diagnosis of cancer, the tools of modern science are beginning to reveal some of the basic mysteries of human growth. With these new skills and the accumulated knowledge contributed by scientists of the past, significant steps are being taken by members of the Huntington Research Laboratories as well as by research workers all over the world toward understanding the cause and cure of cancer.

Mrs. Meredith Hannon adjusts the autoscaler, part of the Geiger counter set up. The counter itself is at the left, and the clock, in the center.

Spotlight On Phillips House—Changes Through The Years

Phillips House will strike a modern note when patients' rooms are redecorated next month with new furniture, including the new high-low bed. The building was first opened on May 17, 1917, before the erection of the Baker Memorial. Phillips House has been providing facilities for private patients ever since the admission of its first patient, Dr. John Collins Warren, grandson of Dr. John C. Warren, one of the founders of the Massachusetts General Hospital.

Name And Early History Of Phillips House

From the 1917 report of the Board of Trustees we learn that Phillips House was named in honor of William Phillips, formerly Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts, and his father of the same name who was the first citizen of Boston to bequeath a considerable sum of money to the hospital.

In its early days, Phillips House had its own kitchen, dining room, pharmacy, and store. The Phillips House was maintained as an entity separate from the rest of the hospital. The long corridor leading to the building from the rest of the hospital was nothing more than an open passageway. The windows were not glassed in until many years after Phillips House was built.

Older Styles In Phillips House

One luxury of the early days which has since been abandoned is the carpeting which covered each patient's room, but the fireplaces, occasionally used at Christmastime, are still in good working order.

Recent Changes Link Phillips House To M.G.H.

The passing of time has brought the day to day operations of the Phillips House much closer to the rest of the hospital. Patients from Phillips House now go to all parts of the hospital for special treatments and examinations, or just to have a closer look at the merchandise at the General Store.

With the ever-increasing expansion of the General Hospital's facilities, and particularly with the building of the Baker Memorial, many of the Phillips House service units have been discontinued. The separate kitchen facilities, store, and pharmacy, are all a thing of the past.

Phillips House Accepts Celebrities As Daily Events

One thing about Phillips House which has not changed with the years is the "famous patients". Counts, princesses, maharajahs, movie stars, and presidential families, have been Phillips House patients all through its 36-year history.

According to the staff caring for famous patients is all in our day's work. Famous patients are "just patients" when they are in the hospital. One gets the very clear impression that if respect for the privacy of the patient did not extend to Phillips House's famous patients, Mrs. Braman, administrator for the last four years, would have some very fascinating stories to tell.

An early Phillips House room. Note the wheel on the bed, used for moving the bed. Also note the rug on the floor.

Phillips House X-Ray room looked like this in the early days.

Phillips House rooms will look like this when decorating is completed.

Christmas At The General Store

The General Store is stocked with merchandise for those "last minute" gifts, as well as with Christmas cards, gift wrappings, and ribbons, according to Mrs. Alice Burnell, store manager.

The gift items include toys for the children, regular and Thank-You-Note stationery, and stockings. There are some decoration materials in the store, which will have a supply of all kinds of gift items right up to the last minute, so spend some of those shopping days before Christmas at the General Store in the Moseley Building.

SCENES FROM NURSES' SHOW—TEMPUS FUGITS

Eleanor McGauley, Martha Lange, Dr. Stanley Sober, Marilyn Marnett, Lorraine Mulligan, Dr. Edgar Schoen making up for Tempus Fugits.

Ann Hickey, Pat Walker, Dot West, Carolyn Foss, Jean Kouchesene, Helen Anderson, Barbara Brown, and Eleanor McGauley from Tempus Fugits.

Holiday Hazards

1. Lady, you are definitely headed for a fall! If you must carry bundles piled to your chin, better do it in a house where there are no children who might have left skates, balls, or other toys lying around. But then, adults leave things lying around too, so you'd be much safer if you always made sure that you had a clear view of the road ahead.

2. Hey, mister, have you looked at that wire? It may have worked okay for the past seven years, but it's getting that ragged look these days. If you're going to fool around with electricity, you'd better check to see that wires, sockets, and plugs are all in good working condition.

3. Yesh, shir, that sure wash a shwell party. And now for the drive home. Hold on there, Mr. Driver. You'd better let someone else do the driving. Drunken driving results in a large proportion of traffic accidents. Like oil and water, drinking and driving don't mix!

4. Candles do add a festive touch, but they can be incendiary. Christmas trees, wreaths, and boughs dry out very quickly in a warm house, and they burn very quickly if they accidently come in contact with a lighted candle. Keep your old-fashioned Christmas with old songs, old friends, and those good old dishes, but restrict those old-fashioned candles to places where there are no inflammable materials.

5. Sure does taste good—guess just one more little helping won't hurt me —but it might! Overeating at Christmas won't kill you, in all probability, but why not be in good health so that you can enjoy the holiday right through to the last day. Overeating can put a crimp (and a cramp) in your holiday plans.

6. Well, well, look who's doing a balancing act. Isn't he clever, to get that star on top of the tree using a rickety chair and two books for a step ladder. Well, maybe not so clever at that. When he slips a disk and spends his vacation lying flat on his back he'll wish he had taken the trouble to get a ladder, or a sturdy chair before he went into his act.

Safety rules are generally just common sense rules. You may feel out of this world at the holiday season, but the rules of nature act the same way at Christmas as they do at any other time, so keep your feet on the ground and your head out of the clouds—and HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS, AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Old Paint Shop Demolished

Historic Building Destroyed To Make Room For Cars, Better Entrance To Hospital

One of the oldest buildings around M.G.H., most recently the home of the Paint Shop has been demolished. The building, which is older than the Bulfinch Building, was a market building at one time in its history. The cupola and weathervane which topped the structure have been carefully removed and will be given to one of the trustees of the hospital. A history of the building and the cupola will appear in an issue of The News as soon as possible, according to Miss Cora Holbrook, Editor of the M.G.H. News.

Plans for the area include parking space for a few extra cars, and the likelihood that there will be an entrance to the doctors' parking lot from Cambridge Street. This should eliminate some of the congestion at the North Grove-Parkman Street corner.

A large sign, similar to the one on the corner of Fruit and Charles Streets will be erected at North Grove and Cambridge, directing visitors to the hospital.

M.G.H. Flower Shop Ready For Christmas—Flowers For Special Occasions Can Be Ordered

Cille March of the M.G.H. Flower Shop (located in the corridor between the White Lobby and the Moseley Building) reports that Christmas flowers and decorations of all kinds will be on hand to fill holiday needs. The shop will stock assorted Christmas wreaths, candle-decorated centerpieces, holly, corsages, poinsettias, and specialties of all kinds. One novelty number mentioned by Mrs. March is a paper mache stocking filled with fresh-flowers.

Special Orders Welcomed

Mrs. March is a professional florist. —She can suggest, order, and create the proper flowers for weddings, parties, or special occasions, and at prices below those of commercial florists. For special orders, 12 hours notice is all that is required.

For Christmas and for all future flower needs, see Mrs. March at the M.G.H. Flower Shop sponsored by the School of Nursing.

ABOUT FOLKS

News From The Nursing Department

Miss Anna Viden, Supervisor of Residences, now has her office located in Walcott House, Room 110. Phone number 387.

Miss Joyce Burke, graduate interne in the Science Department, was married November 7, 1953 to Mr. John Welch.

Miss Elizabeth Jones, Evening Supervisor in the General Hospital, is to be married to Doctor Richard Allen Currie, Assistant Resident in Surgery on December 12, 1953.

Sarah R. Rowley, R.N.

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Miss Annette Gelinas, R.N. had a wonderful time at the recent Harvard-Yale game.

The personnel in Bulfinch 1 and 2 greatly miss their secretary, **Miss Ruth Holden** who is ill. We all hope she will be back at her desk very, very soon.

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Upon completion of their Hospital Aide Course, **Miss Esther Emery** was assigned to evening duty on White 5AC. (Women's Orthopedic Service), **Miss Christina Ritchie** was assigned the same hours on White 7. **Miss Irene Fleming** joined the day staff on Bulfinch 3 and **Mrs. Mildred McDonald** replaced **Miss Vera Paul** on White 12. Miss Paul was transferred to Vincent 3.

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In the past few weeks a new group of part-time ward helpers has been coming in after school to help out during the supper period on White 11, White 7, Bulfinch 5 and 6, Bulfinch 3 and Bulfinch 10 and 2. They are finding many things to do at this busy time.

Mary E. Wolcott

Record Room

Joseph Naccolo and **Mrs. Anna Seymour** are very welcome new-comers to the day force. **George Boyce,** on loan from Doctor Albright's office, is helping out with the laboratory reports, while **Mr. Roderick MacInnes** is recovering from his fall.

Newcomers to the night force are **Frank Fitzgerald, Kent Davis,** and **Daniel Leone. Mr. Sterling Tracy** has been transferred from the day force to the night staff.

Who says Cupid has been absent at the switch in the Record Room? **Mary Donahue** was married on the 28th of November to Mr. James Sullivan in Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

Katherine Mawson

Dietary Tidbits

David Alan Cobb's engagement to Miss Janet Stokes was announced at a Tea recently by Janet's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Stokes. David's mother is **Mrs. Marion Colt,** Dietary Aide in Baker.

Joe and Catherine McBride of the General Hospital Diet Kitchen and our Dish Room, respectively, have had a busy few weeks over and above the holiday hustle and bustle that most of us have been experiencing. Their daughter, Ruth Theresa, has just been married, and besides, they have a new grandaughter born to their daughter Evelyn. That makes ten grandchildren for Joe and Catherine.

Leonessa Powell is back with us in Baker from X-Ray.

Paul Zarnowski of the White Kitchen Pot Room is ill and hospitalized. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Bill Lewis of the White Kitchen Vegetable Unit is on an extended leave of absence because of impaired health.

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A book on Low Sodium Diets written by our staff member, **Mrs. Dorothy Callahan** of Hypertension Research, has just been published.

Mrs. Ruth Aaness Harmon, a graduate of the M.G.H. School of Dietetics and then Nutritional Instructor for our hospital has returned from Europe with her husband, Millard, who taught the sons and daughters of American Military Personnel in Germany.

Bill Cunningham, of the Boston Herald wrote about them at length in the Boston Sunday Herald of November first. Mr. Harmon's views give far more credit to our Military Personnel in Germany for a job well done than many accounts that we have read.

Miss Thelma Rowe, staff member from East Cafeteria was our department's representative at the Dietary Institute of the American Hospital Association in New York City early in November.

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A newly discovered talent in one of our members has come to our attention. **Jennie Hayes** of Nurses' won first prize at a Turkey Shoot in New Hampshire, just before Thanksgiving!

Frances Harvey

Eye & Ear Infirmary

Mrs. Hellen Crewe began her new duties, November 4, as a laboratory technician for Dr. Morton W. Grant. Previous to her work here, she was employed at the University of Toronto under Dr. Charles Best, the co-discoverer of insulin.

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Miss Anita Mangiaracine, chairman of the Red Feather Drive at the Infirmary, reports a very successful party for contributors, held in the basement cafeteria on November 17. Approximately 120 persons attended.

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On November 18, about 150 members of the Infirmary staff attended the Ladies Visiting Committee's Thanksgiving Tea, held in the Surgeon's Parlor. Among the pourers were **Mrs. Arlie Bock, Mrs. Henry Cunningham, Mrs. Francis Hill, Mrs. Sullivan Sargent, Mrs. Leslie Soule, and Mrs. Andrew Winslow, Jr.**

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The following changes in personnel have taken place at the Infirmary during the past few weeks:

Mrs. Irene Martin started November 24, assisting in the Occupational Therapy Department, while **Miss Rosalie Rankin** underwent an operation in Baker. Mrs. Martin alternates her days at the hospital between OT and helping in the Admitting Clerk's Office.

Mrs. Sonja Levine and **Mrs. Edith Seaver** are new receptionists at the front desk. **Mrs. Mae Faulkner,** originally at the front desk, has transferred to the third floor as a food consultant for the Dietary Department.

The X-Ray Department has welcomed a new technician to its staff—**Mrs. Phyllis Forman.**

Miss Vera Silarjs, who has been at the Infirmary in the accounting office since coming here from Latvia, has left to take up a position with the Farrington Company.

Miss Grace Hanley is leaving her duties for a short time as head nurse on the fifth floor, as she is to be married soon.

H. Jean MacDuffie

The Sewing Room Group deeply regrets the passing of Louise Lenz, Nov. 1.

She had been with the department 7 years.

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STAFF CLINIC MOVED TO FIRST FLOOR

One Of Many OPD Changes

The Staff Clinic was moved from its quarters on the second floor to the first floor of the Out-Patient Department on January 20. This location, in addition to being more accessible to employees, avoids the confusion previously caused by Staff Clinic and Medical Clinic patients waiting in the same area during busy hours.

This change, one of many currently being made in the Out-Patient Department, necessitated the relocation of the Vascular and Rectal Clinic and the Fracture Clinic. The latter is now on the ground floor. The space formerly occupied by the Staff Clinic on the second floor has provided additional room for the Medical Clinic.

Although the area of the new quarters is approximately the same as previously, the physical set-up is more advantageous. Each room—treatment room, two examining rooms, two dressing rooms, and main office—has an individual exit leading into a small hallway parallel to the main corridor. The reception room is the only room through which one must pass in order to reach other parts of the unit. The corridor directly outside the Clinic provides adequate waiting room for patients.

With the exception of one dressing room which is painted yellow, the rooms are white with a soft green, gray or pale blue, trimmed with black.

Many Patients Per Day

M.G.H. employees have been provided with free medical care since 1942, although routine physical examinations of all employees were not required until 1946. During an aver-four week period in 1953, 1,370 employees were seen by the doctors and nurses on duty in the Staff Clinic. Of these, 1,094 individuals reported to the doctors for illness, 31 for accidents occurring on the job, and 145 for routine physical examination. Employees

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Watching Joseph Cannarozzo of Maintenance put the final bit of plaster in the new Staff Clinic are Mrs. Rita Rayhorn, Supervisor of Staff Clinic, and Miss Jane Scourtis, new editor of The World.

Safety Topics

New developments in the safety program have been announced by the Safety Committee. A series of photographs are being taken of surgical instruments which get to the laundry by way of the laundry bags. An effort

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Small Increase Result of Tax and Social Security Changes

The 10% reduction of tax rates and the ½% increase in the Social Security rate, effective January 1, 1954, have influenced the take home salaries of all employees. For the most part,

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A 50 year Service Pin is presented to Mrs. Arthur D. Hill, center, by Dr. Dean A. Clark, General Director. Mrs. Augustus Thorndike, Chairman of the Ladies' Visiting Committee looks on. The presentation was made at the 84th Annual Meeting of the LVC, on January 7, 1954.

Suggestion System

After the usual unsigned gripes and personal complaints, gum wrappers and crushed cigarette packages have been cleaned out of the suggestion boxes, a surprising number of thoughtful ideas remain. It might be worthwhile to see how suggestions are processed in order to understand why the time between the weekly collection of the slips and the final payment of the awards and carrying out of the ideas seems so long. Such a review might also explain what criteria are used in awarding prizes, and why some perfectly valid suggestions aren't awarded at all.

When the suggestions have been received, a decision must be reached as to where each one should go. A suggestion involving a new kind of equipment might be reviewed by the medical and nursing staffs to see whether they think the idea worthwhile. Again, the advice of maintenance or supply experts as to the practicality of the suggestion is also needed. If adopting the suggestion would entail a large sum of money, the department head concerned or the budget committee might have to consider the project. Expensive projects must be carefully considered by all departments concerned.

Even those ideas calling for a change in procedure require careful consideration—old familiar methods must be changed and training is often necessary. Change for the sake of change alone has no absolute merit—if a change is made, it must be a change for the better, and that takes time!

Upon investigation it often turns out that a suggestion has been made before, or that it refers to a procedure that is accepted practice, but which has not been carried out well. These suggestions cannot be rewarded, however good they may be. The principle that the first suggestion received is the one rewarded is the fairest that can be used; and reminders, however useful, cannot be rewarded because the suggestion system seeks to stimulate new ideas, not recall old ones.

An attempt is made to reply to every suggestion submitted as soon as a decision one way or another is reached. This process alone takes a great deal of secretarial time.

The amount of money awarded to a suggestion will depend upon the degree of originality it displays and upon its value to the hospital in terms of the prevention of accidents or the saving of time and energy by doing things in a new way or with new tools. In every case, the opinion of the department concerned as well as of the Suggestion Committee, is obtained.

These consultations may take time, but they insure your suggestion of a thorough hearing by people who will be responsible for putting them into effect. We think your suggestions are important enough to merit very careful attention. We hope that you recognize that delays in replying to them are caused in most cases, by this **care**, and not by **carelessness**.

Visiting Rooms Painted

The visiting rooms on Baker 5, 8 and 10 are being repainted.

ALLEY TALLIES

With the first half of the bowling season now completed, the battle for the second half crown is a very close one.

The Yankees virtually swept through the first half with a fine record. The team of George Boyce, Edward Voelkel, Russell Gasdia, Peter Antonino and Louis Jeffrey did a fine job against such league powerhouses as the Accounting (3rd), Maintenance (2nd), and Electricians (4th).

The second half of the season started with the underdog Printing team bouncing right out to a big lead. With Roland Davis, William Doren, Manuel Sardinha, Ralph Cluff and Joseph St. Pierre, they appear to be the team to beat for the second half and play the Yankees in the "Bowling World Series."

Since I last reported to you, all records were broken. Peter Antonino (Yankees) and Robert Alfredson (Electricians) now share the individual high string, and Joseph St. Pierre (Printing), the league's highest average, holds the high three string. The Electricians, very strong at the end of the first half, seem to have caught fire with Fred Mapplebeck and Robert Alfredson, providing the spark for Donald Carpenter, Elmer Stanley and Kenneth d'Entremont.

Well, not much more to say now, folks, except that in next month's article we will present something a little different which we hope you'll like.

Louis Jeffrey

CHRISTMAS PARTY BIG SUCCESS

More intrigued by the camera than by Christmas clown Herbert Taylor are, left to right, Ted Washburn; Rosalind Clark, daughter of General Director Dr. Dean A. Clark; and Robert and Suzan Lezer, children of Dr. Leon Lezer, Assistant Director.

Some 1000 members of the administration, staff and personnel, and more than 400 children attended the 1953 M.G.H. Family Christmas Party held on December 22.

At the Children's party, M.C.'d by Dr. Perry J. Culver, 400 children squealed and shouted with delight at entertainer Bob Munstedt, who alternated roles as accordianist, ventriloquist, and Punch and Judy impressario. Also entertaining the children was Herbert Taylor, clown.

Santa Claus, Johnson "Kit" Carson of the Dietary Department, and Mrs. Claus, Florence MacKinnon, also of Dietary, distributed candy and toys to each of the children at the party.

The adult party began with refreshments and music in the East and Doctors Dining Rooms. A variety show in Nurses Cafeteria followed. The program began with an enthusiastically received group of carols rung on bells with solo voice accompaniment by Mrs. Soma Weiss, Community Relations Consultant, and Co-Chairman of the Christmas Party. The bell ringers included Ruth Sleeper, Director of the School of Nursing and Nursing Servive; Edna Lepper, Assistant Director; Katherine Hardeman, Supervisor of Clinical Instruction, and Helen Wheeler, Lillian Moulton, and Sarah Abbott. The group was conducted by Margaret Crane.

Dr. Charles Clay, Assistant Director, entertained with a group of stories, and also joined with his son Paul, and Lawrence Martin, Comptroller, in a string trio which offered a group of folk songs.

Dance numbers were performed by Nurse Nora Kaek, who did a Hawaiian

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the changes have caused slight increases in the amount of each individual's check.

The formula used to compute the amount withheld from an individual's check prior to January first was as follows:

$13.00 was allowed for each exemption claimed. 20% of the remainder was withheld.

The formula now used is exactly the same except that 18% is used instead of 20%.

According to the Social Security Act of 1950, the rate paid to Social Security by each employee was 1½% of the first $3600 of his annual salary. This meant that the maximum payment to be made in any given year was $54 (1½% of $3600). Under this law, provisions were made for periodic increases, the first of which was ½% on January 1, 1954. Since the rate is now 2% on the first $3600, the maximum payment is increased to $72 per year (2% of $3600).

It must be remembered that for every dollar paid to Social Security by the employee, one dollar is contributed by the employer. Unless changes are made in the mentioned act, the next increase will not be effective until 1960.

SAFETY TOPICS

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is being made to trace the ways in which this occurs.

A stamp has been ordered to be used on maintenance requisitions for the repair or removal of safety hazards. The stamp will read:

URGENT
ACCIDENT HAZARD
SAFETY COMMITTEE

In its continuing program of safety-mindedness, the Safety Committee urges all employees to call the attention of their supervisors to conditions which may be dangerous to the health and safety of patients or fellow employees.

Hugh W. Heney

Eager little girls accept gifts from Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus at the Children's Christmas Party.

Spotlight on Photography

Medical photography, a field which is growing in both skill and recognition, is well represented here at M.G.H. by one of the most up-to-date departments of its kind.

Readers of "The World" are familiar with one aspect of the work done by Photography—the many pictures they take to enliven our pages each month. Actually, however, Photography plays a role in almost every phase of hospital life. From publicity and public relations to the operating rooms and the labs the photographer goes, recording for purposes of enlightenment and entertainment the many activities of the hospital day.

Following the Patient's Progress

Recording the condition of the patient at various stages of his illness is done in many ways, depending upon the nature of the case, and the purpose for which the work is being done. Still pictures may be used, often of the "Before and After" variety, or movies, pointing up a particular condition or a process, may be chosen.

The use of movies for teaching purposes has expanded enormously in recent years. By compiling a group of cases seen over a period of time, a movie may be made to show future students a range of case material which they might have to wait a year to observe in the hospital. Movies of new operating techniques are invaluable for later demonstration to wide audiences, and according to Donald Withee, Head Photographer, such movies made at M.G.H. have gone all over the world.

Special Equipment Used to Photograph Patients

About 90% of the patients who are photographed have their pictures taken in the Photo Lab. Mr. Withee installed an overhead mirror in the lab for this purpose. This tilting mirror has solved the problem of positioning bedridden patients, for the mirror, not the patient, is adjusted, and the camera is aimed at the reflection in the mirror.

Photomicroscopy, the enlarging of a small section of a microscopic slide, is another helpful adjunct to medical science. These magnifications which may be from 10 to 2000 times, are used in publications and lectures, and may be done in color or black and white.

The photomicrocamera, also designed by Mr. Withee, has a reflex camera mounted over the microscope. A light focuses on the slide, and a mirror reflects the picture on to the viewing glass so that the specimen can be accurately and easily positioned, and the picture taken.

Head photographer Donald Withee at the studio camera.

Other Specialized Equipment

The OR camera was assembled from commercial parts for hospital work. A 35 mm. color camera, it has a device on it which holds the light so that an extra person is not necessary. The photographer, by the way, wears a mask when he is in the OR.

The Photo Lab is now equipped to put its own sound on films after the films are edited and spliced. A footage counter divides the scenes into time units so that the narrator knows how long he has to speak on each subject.

The lab is set up to show movies—there are two movie projectors and a screen as well as three slide projectors.

Other standard equipment includes light and dark drapes for backgrounds, storehouses of bulbs and films of at least 15 different kinds, dry mount equipment, and a copy camera in addition to the regular studio camera.

Miss Elena Maselli showing a movie with one of the Lab's two projectors.

The lab is set up to do mounting of glass lantern slides, and they make lithograph negatives for the use of the Print Shop. In addition, they make transparencies, do chart work for publications, copy X-Rays, edit and splice film, and photograph all personnel for identification purposes. All these add up over a year to approximately 9000 negatives taken in the Photo Lab.

Elise Cunningham who works for Pathology, actually does much of her work in the Lab. Her main job is to take pictures of autopsy specimens, but she uses Photo Lab facilities in her developing and printing work.

Teaching Activities

As a part of their course, Medical Art students spend three months in the Photo Lab learning photographic techniques. Also, the Photo Lab occasionally trains photography students in medical work.

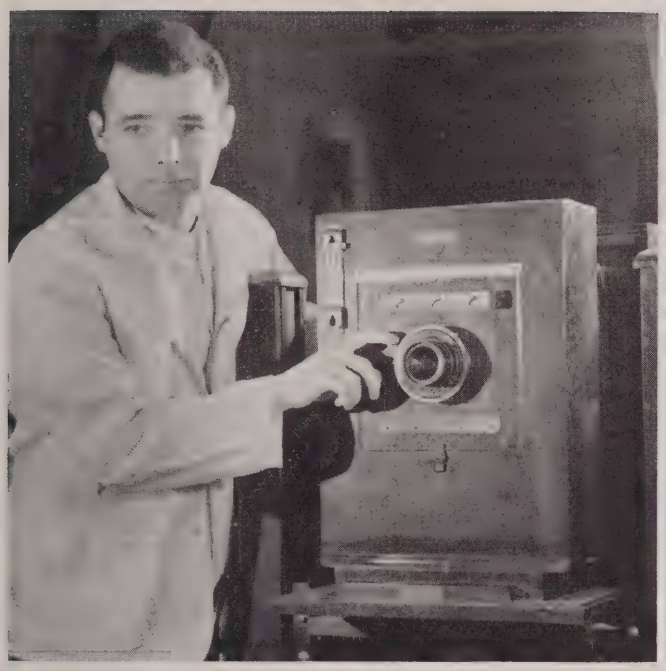
The enlarger is adjusted by Stanley Bennett.

Organized clinical photography at M.G.H. goes back to 1887 with the gift of $100 for the purpose of photographing cases. The hospital Apothecary was also the Photographer for about ten years, and until 1908, X-Ray and photography were considered one. The Photo Lab was established by vote of the Trustees in 1927.

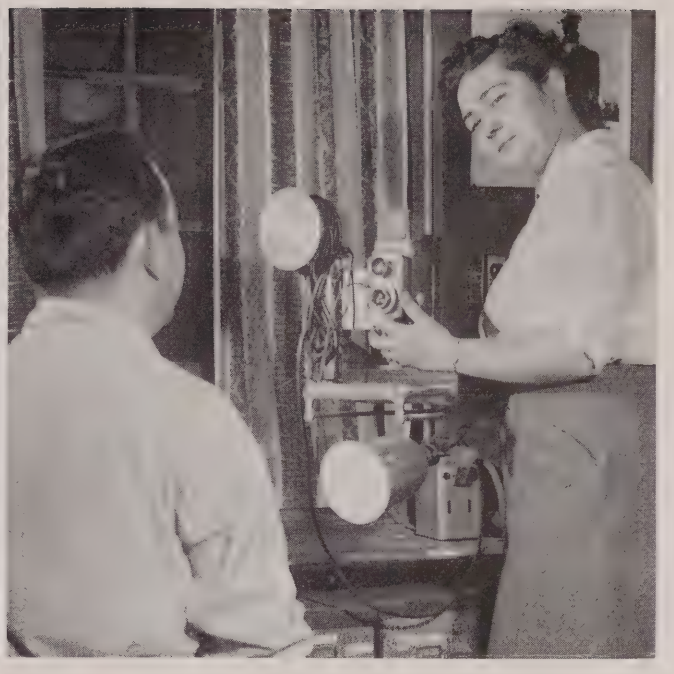
Carry Your Identification . . .

Staff Clinic cards for ease in obtaining your records at Staff Clinic when and if you report for illness or accident, and for admittance to the Emergency Ward.

I.D. card for all identification purposes.



Frank McCarthy about to take a portrait with the studio camera.



A new employee has his identification picture taken by Miss Dorothy Gabardi.

Appointment of OPD Administrative Assistant

The appointment of Mrs. Frances Merrill as Administrative Assistant of the Out-Patient Department was announced recently by Mr. E. Michael White, Assistant Director. Mr. Merrill has occupied this newly created position since December 3. She is also supervisor of secretaries, clerks and volunteers in OPD.

Previously, Mrs. Merrill had been supervisor of accounting and tabulating for Remington Rand. As such, she traveled throughout the United States setting up accounting and tabulating procedures in large companies.

Blue Cross Openings

A number of people have been disappointed in not being able to join Blue Cross and Blue Shield because they have not heeded the warning to report to the Personnel Office within thirty days of their employment. As a result, these individuals have had to wait for the annual Blue Cross membership drive in September.

Exceptions cannot be made, for this is a definite Blue Cross ruling. If you are a new employee and are interested in participating in this program, please see Mrs. Weir in Personnel within 30 days of the day you started work. If you are an old employee, remind your new co-workers of this ruling.

Discount Cards Still Available

Discount cards for a Boston jewelry store and a Cambridge automobile supply store are still available for employees. Get yours at the Personnel Office.

The World Changes Hands

Miss Jane Scourtis succeeds Miss Dolores Lubell as editor of **The World** with the current issue.

Miss Lubell, completing eleven months of service with the M.G.H., will resume her studies at the Radcliffe Graduate School.

Miss Scourtis formerly worked in the Public Relations Department of the New England Deaconess Hospital.

New Reporters Added

Other changes in the editorial staff of **The World** include a group of new reporters who have joined the group in recent weeks. Working with Miss Scourtis will be John Donovan, Housekeeping, who replaces John Roche; Mrs. Alice Merrell of Medical Records, replacing Mrs. Katherine Mawson; and Mr. Joseph McCue of Accounting who is taking over for Mrs. Helen Foote, who will be leaving late in the spring to have a baby.

Don't Forget St. Valentine's Day

You may still order Valentine flowers from the M.G.H. Flower Shop by contacting Mrs. Cille March. For those you wish to remember on this special day, Mrs. March is featuring spring flowers; daffodils, irises, sweet peas, violets and tulips. These flowers are also available in corsages and old fashioned bouquets.

And don't forget a card from the General Store's large selection.

Glee Club Joins Operetta Group

Meetings of the M.G.H. Glee Club have been postponed until after the M.G.H. Operetta Company's spring performance of **Yeoman of the Guard.** All those who were members of the Glee Club have been invited to join the operetta group in preparing for this year's production, to be held at the Museum of Science.

Rehearsals are held every Wednesday evening in the Lower OPD Amphitheatre. Anyone interested in phases of production other than singing should come to one of these rehearsals to sign up for one of the committees. These include scenery, costumes, publicity, make-up, and lighting.

Library News

Available to all employees is the Warren Library, located in the basement of Bulfinch. Many people find it relaxing to spend part of their lunch time reading.

Mrs. Kathleen Sergott, librarian, announced that the following books have been added to the library shelves:

Lord Vanity	Shellabarger
Hotel Talleyrand	Bonner
Gentlemen of Valor	Evans
Holding the Stirrup	Von Guttenberg
Lincoln McKeever	Lipsky
Queen's Gift	Fletcher
Funerals are Fatal	Christie
Green Eyed Sister	Gardiner
Tooner Schooner	Laswell
Poor Man's Guide to Europe	Dodge

Musicians!

If you play any stringed instrument, or the oboe, clarinet, or flute—and would like to accompany the M.G.H. operetta, THE YEOMAN OF THE GUARD — please contact Miss Scourtis in the Personnel Department, Extension 810.

All painted up for Christmas—in the White Building.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

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number; Bill Marion of the Record Room, accompanied by Sybil Krikorian of General Nursing, who did tap and modern dancing; and Staff Nurse Mercedes Adeva and Al Casimiro, T. Maglaya, and Lex Lee, accompanied by Ramona Green, who did an exciting and colorful Bamboo Dance from the Philippine Islands.

A dance in the Moseley Rotunda completed the evening.

The following is taken from a letter written by Dr. Dean A. Clark, General Director, in reference to the party:

". . . The spirit of goodwill and fellowship that prevailed throughout the entire evening is perhaps the greatest tribute that could be paid to all those who worked hard and faithfully to make the party such a success. I should like, however, to add a personal word of appreciation to the Committee, which included representatives from all departments of the hospital; to the people in the Dietary, Housekeeping and Maintenance Departments who always carry a tremendous extra burden on such occasions; and the corps of individuals who served willingly and graciously in many different ways.

"Here at the hospital we greet the New Year with a feeling of gratitude for the splendid spirit of co-operation and loyalty of the more than 3,000 people who make up the M.G.H. Family; and to each and every one we extend best wishes for a Year of Good Health, Happiness, Peace and Prosperity."

Speech Therapist Makes TV

On Thursday morning, December 3, Mrs. Mildred B. Plunkett, Speech Therapist in the Language Clinic of the O. P. D., was the guest of Polly Huse on the "Domestic Diary" program of WBZ-TV. Mrs. Plunkett told of the interesting and important work that is carried out in this Clinic for patients referred from other Clinics who have language disabilities, such as speech defects, learning problems complicated by reading disabilities, loss of speech, etc.

With Mrs. Plunkett on the televised program was a young boy who has been helped by this therapy; and together they demonstrated some of the techniques used in aiding a child with a specific reading disability.

It was through the courtesy of United Community Services that this telecast was arranged.

Miss Bonney Burns, age 8½, is seen carrying a box of Christmas greeting cards from the office of her father, Chaplain James H. Burns. Bonney played "Volunteer", uniform and all, in helping her father with the colorful and unusual greetings which he gave to over 200 patients in Bulfinch, White, Baker, Vincent Burnham, and the Eye and Ear Infirmary. The cards were made by the women in Chaplain Burns' church. They were distributed on Christmas morning, each one hand inscribed to the patient who received it.

New Look For Dietary

Women employees of the Dietary Department are coming out with a new look, replacing the familiar green and white uniform with a beige one trimmed with aqua. All kitchen workers have already started to wear the new uniforms, while the women on the floors are now making the change.

The Record Room's contribution to M.G.H.'s festive atmosphere was done by Bill Marion.

Could it be Rudolph? No? Well then, did he visit M.G.H. for the Christmas Holidays? Well, not exactly. But this young deer was at M.G.H. during the holiday season, and he helped make it look like Christmas, even if he's here for other reasons.

STAFF CLINIC

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attended by the nurse on duty numbered 100. These patients who averaged 62 a day during this particular period are employees of the M.G.H.; the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary; McLean Hospital, the psychiatric division in Waverley; and Storrow House, the convalescent unit in Lincoln.

Each new employee receives a physical examination for the mutual protection of employees, patients, and the hospital. After the age of 45, each individual has the privilege of an annual physical examination at any time at his request, and he may also be requested to do so by his department head or by a doctor of Staff Clinic.

Staff Clinic Hours

The hours at which an employee may go to Staff Clinic without an appointment are from 8:00-10:00 a.m., 2:00-3:00 p.m., and on Saturday from 8:00-10:00 a.m. Appointments may be made for other hours.

An individual, after he has been employed by the M.G.H. for six months, may have free dental care and free examinations for eye glasses. Employees who are out of work sick may telephone Staff Clinic for medical advice.

All employees who have been absent from work because of illness, even for a day, must get a Staff Clinic Referral Slip from their department heads and check through Staff Clinic before returning to work. This slip is also necessary for employees reporting to Staff Clinic at any time irrespective of working hours.

Staff Clinic, chief of which is Dr. Perry J. Culver, has one of several doctors on duty at all times during the day. These are Drs. Leonard Cronkhite, John Freymann, John W. Keller, Rita Kelley, Jorge Martin, Stuart Ragland, Jr. and Paul Zamecnik.

Suggestion Awards

Several suggestion awards have been made recently. To Mary Noranda, OPD Clinic assistant, went $2.00 for suggesting more adequate pipe coverings in an exposed spot on the steam pipes. Helen S. Turner, Dietary Dept., won $2.50 for suggesting better illumination for the phone book near the Coat Room, and Robert Carletti of Housekeeping won $2.00 for his suggestion that signs were needed to point out the location of the stairs in Baker Memorial.

"Little United Nations"

Recent articles in The Boston Sunday Herald and The Boston Sunday Globe cited the M.G.H. as being the "Little United Nations." And no wonder—we have with us at the present time 96 visiting doctors who represent 36 countries and 6 continents. The scale, starting at 29 individuals from Great Britain, ranges to one each from 13 countries.

Dr. Dean A. Clark, General Director, stated that "about one-quarter of the doctors training in post-graduate courses in the country are in Boston. We have about one-half of those here in this hospital, or about one-eighth of those in the nation." The reason? M.G.H. is both a community and university hospital, Dr. Clark pointed out. Of the 6000 general hospitals in the country, fewer than 200 are teaching hospitals attached to the 80-odd medical schools.

Dr. Charad Chandra Misra, professor of surgery at the Medical College of Lucknow, India, believes the M.G.H. is the place to study if a physician wants to spend any length of time in U.S. study, since it "offers a combination of undergraduate training, post-graduate work and extensive research, with a large volume of clinical material on which to draw." In 1946 he visited all over the country for ten months in an attempt to find a medical center which he could use as a model. His center, he said, has 160 medical students, 30 to 40 per cent of them women, for a 700 bed hospital.

Five years ago, Dr. Louis Bakay left his native Budapest, Hungary, "for obvious reasons." After spending a year in Sweden, which "is disturbingly near the Iron Curtain," he came to Boston as an immigrant and obtained a residency here in neurosurgery. Presently teaching at Harvard, he finds it "very satisfactory to be able to do clinical teaching and research under one roof."

Corny, short for Cornea, is shown coming through the automatic front doors, carrying a favorite rubber toy in his mouth. According to his owner, Dr. William Stone, Assistant in Ophthalmology, Corny was shown the proper way to go through the doors on the day they were opened to the public, and he has not needed any guidance since then. Corny is a Golden Retriever. The breed is known for its intelligence and friendliness. Corny more than measures up to standards—he kisses babies, loves the ladies, likes to trot alongside of any woman with whom he can make friends carrying her pocketbook, and he's friendly to everyone. Says Dr. Stone—"That dog ought to be a politician."

ABOUT FOLKS

General Nursing

The Massachusetts General Hospital Nurses Alumnae Association held a food sale in the Brick Corridor on January 27.

Capping services were held for 60 students on January 4. Dr. Oliver Cope, Visiting Surgeon and Associate Professor of Surgery at Harvard, was the speaker at the ceremony at which 60 students became senior student internes.

Miss Sally Bickford, Instructor of Hospital Aides, became engaged to **Mr. Roy Wall,** a student in the School of Medical Illustration.

An Open House for High School Juniors and Seniors was held on Saturday, January 30.

Miss Patricia Hogan, Staff Nurse on Baker 5, is engaged to Mr. Milton Fuller, who teaches at Monson Academy.

Miss Gerry Martin, Hospital Aide in the Central Supply Room, was recently married to Mr. Theodore F. Gibson, who is currently serving with the Navy.

Sarah R. Rowley, R.N.

General Nursing

Christmas wreaths were placed on the outside windows of Bulfinch, Moseley, Vincent-Burnham, and the first floor of the White Building by the Occupational Therapy Department with the assistance of **Mr. Patrick Kilcoyne, Mr. Wilfred Cloutier,** and **Mr. Max Rosen,** of the Appliance Room.

Mr. Denis O'Driscoll of B 6 has been a patient in the Overnight Ward.

We are pleased to learn that **Mr. Guy Leonard,** Evening Aide on White 11, has returned to work after an illness.

Mrs. Mary Downs of the Overnight Ward plans to enter the Household Nursing Association for a fifteen month course leading to a license as a Practical Nurse.

Hugh Heney

Chemistry Lab

The Chemistry Lab is happy to welcome four new Chemists; they are **Sylvia Sanchez, Martha Townsend. Helen Filios** and **Ellie Ramsdell.**

Mrs. Poppy Frank has left the Chemistry Lab to join the staff at the Marine Hospital in Brighton.

The Chemistry Lab attended a farewell part given by the Pathology Department for **Dr. Carlos Tajeda** who is returning to his home in Guatemala.

Jeanne Russell

Accounting

Congratulations to **Joseph McCue,** Research Coordinator and Senior Assistant, who passed the first four sections of the Certified Public Accountant examination on his first attempt. Only 10 to 15 per cent of the individuals taking this exam for the first time are able to pass it.

Record Room

Doris Gonez of Patients' Index is wearing a new diamond ring on that important finger.

Artistic talent always seems to reveal itself around Christmas time. The decorations in the record Room with two angels floating on fluffy white clouds were the handiwork of **Bill Marion,** assisted by **Ralph Lewis** and **Don Chase.**

Welcome to these new members of the M.G.H. family: **Richard MacLaughlin,** on the special day project; file clerks **Anna Seymour, Barbara Ianachino,** and **Shirley Macklin.**

Mrs. Alice Merrell has recently joined the staff of the department in the position of Assistant Record Librarian.

Katherine Mawson

Photography

Elena Maselli, Office Assistant to the department, has been replaced by **Martha Hirtle,** formerly of the Admitting Office. Miss Maselli sailed on January 13, for Florence, Italy, where she expects to stay for several years.

Pharmacy Notes

Welcome to the pharmacy fold its new members — **Mary Mooney, James R. Norman,** and **Ernest Wynne.**

Mrs. Ella Leovenworth just returned from her vacation in Connecticut with her daughter.

We regret to say that **Ella Godsoe,** secretary, has been seriously ill, but hope she recovers soon.

Research Animal Farm

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cross, Research 6, are the parents of a 10½ pound baby boy, Kirby Reed, born December 14, 1953.

Baker Memorial

We are glad to report that **Miss Sara Bickford,** Supervisor of Aides, is on the road to recovery and will be back with us soon.

Mary Joyce of Baker O.R. is sporting a diamond and will be married soon. Good luck, Mary.

Gloria Farrell, Night Supervisor, is the proud mother of a baby girl. Congratulations, Gloria.

Eunice Thompson of Baker Suction Room is very happy with her new diamond.

Miss Margaret Ferguson, former head nurse on Baker 7, has returned to her home in Nova Scotia to care for her mother who is ill. Hope she plans to be back with us again.

Barbara Clinton of Hospital Dispatch has been promoted to clerk in the General Admitting Office.

We are very glad to have **Natalie Payne** as Head Nurse on Baker 7.

Frances Hennessey

Blood Bank

Miss Margot Miller has joined the staff as a technician. Although her home is New Zealand, she spent a few years in California before coming to M.G.H.

Personnel

Now interviewing applicants in the Personnel Department are **Mrs. Ethlyn Claus** and **Mrs. Elizabeth Rand.**

Office assistant **Cynthia Heald** is engaged. She is a Northeastern University student working here under the school's co-operative plan.

Volunteers

Mrs. Jesse Harding had her tenth anniversary as an M.G.H. volunteer on January 14.

Eye & Ear Infirmary

Announcement has been made of the engagement of **Miss Bernice Russo,** cashier in accounting.

Welcome your heart neighbor on Heart Sunday — February 14.

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Mrs. Farnham Is New Training Director

Mrs. Dorothy S. Farnham joined the staff as Training Director of M.G.H. on March 1. In this capacity Mrs. Farnham is working in conjunction with Mr. Edmund Mattos, Assistant Director, and the Personnel Department in establishing a training program for employees.

Mrs. Farnham, a graduate of Simmons College School of Business, had been a management consultant with Myron Clark Associates of Boston for ten years. During this time she also conducted courses for adult groups for the city of Boston and the State Department of Education. She also taught groups of supervisors of various department stores in the city including Jordan Marsh, Filene's, Gilchrist's, Stearns', Crawford Hollidge and Slattery's.

Mrs. Dorothy S. Farnham

Help Wanted!

Extras are needed for the three performances of M.G.H.'s YEOMEN OF THE GUARD. If you are free on April 21, 22 and 23 and would like to volunteer, please call the Personnel Office, Ext. 810.

Also needed are musicians who can play wind instruments, particularly the oboe, clarinet, or flute.

M. G. H. To Aid Research Council For Economic Security

Study of Prolonged Illness

The M.G.H. is cooperating with the Research Council for Economic Security, a non-profit research organization, in a nationwide survey of prolonged illness. Employees who have been out of work for four consecutive weeks or more are urged to participate in this study.

The Research Council, whose purpose it is to conduct research on all phases of the problem of social and economic security, was established in May, 1945. The phase of research in which we are participating is a nationwide survey on the nature, extent and economic impact of prolonged absences due to non-occupational disability among employed persons.

Any employee, irrespective of age, illness and income, who has been out of work for a minimum period of four weeks, is asked to cooperate by answering a questionnaire prepared by the Research Council for Economic Security. This may be done through Staff Clinic, but individuals who prefer to deal directly with the Council may obtain a form in the Personnel Office and mail it to the Council in Chicago.

The Research Council feels "there is a great need for much more information than we now have about how many people have had prolonged illnesses, the kinds of illness involved, where and by whom they were treated, how much the illness cost and how the cost was met. With such information we believe a great deal more can be done about reducing the losses of such illness."

Information which individuals contribute to this long range program will not be disclosed. Answers to the questionnaires will be tabulated together with thousands of others re-

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First M.G.H. employees to participate in the nationwide study of prolonged illness are Mrs. Winifred G. Wilson of Staff Clinic and Mrs. Marion Simpson of OPD Housekeeping. Mrs. Wilson explains the questionnaire to Mrs. Simpson.

Benefit Concert By Bell Ringers

The Old South Bell Ringers, under the sponsorship of the M.G.H. nurses, will present a concert in the Moseley Rotunda on Monday, March 15, at 8:15 p.m. to benefit a school in Korea.

Through the American Korean Foundation, the nurses of the M.G.H. have "adopted" the Chinju School in Kyongsang, Namdo. Situated in one of the most devastated areas in Korea, Chinju School is struggling for survival. Our nurses are undertaking the task of supplying some of the necessities of life, as well as the things essential for these nurses and students to carry on their professional activities.

The Bell Ringers, whose delightful performance at the M.G.H. Family Christmas Party will be remembered by many, are Miss Ruth Sleeper, Miss Edna Lepper, Miss Katherine Hardeman, Miss Helen Wheeler, Miss Lillian Moulton and Miss Sarah Abbott, with Miss Margaret Crane, conductor, and Mrs. Soma Weiss, soloist.

Tickets,, $1.00 each and $.75 for students, are still available.

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Saint Patrick

The commemoration of St. Patrick's Day persists throughout the years, but the startling "wearin' o' the green" leaves the true story of the apostle and patron saint of Ireland dim in our minds.

St. Patrick was not an Irishman, for he was born in Britain of a Roman father. As a boy he was captured and sold as a slave in Ireland. He escaped to Gaul, where he studied under St. Martin at Tours before returning to Britain. There he had a supernatural call to preach to the heathen of Ireland.

The opposition he met was strong, but after forty years of unremitting labor he succeeded in converting the people to Christianity.

The banishment of the serpents from Ireland is perhaps the best known of the many legends associated with St. Patrick. It is said that one old serpent resisted him, but he overcame him by cunning. He made a box and invited the serpent to enter it. The serpent objected, saying the box was too small. After a long contention the serpent got into the box to prove it was too small. St. Patrick slammed down the lid and threw the box into the sea.

In commemoration of this, St. Patrick is usually represented driving out the serpents. He is shown with a shamrock leaf, in allusion to the tradition that when explaining the Trinity to the heathen priests on the hill of Tara he used this as a symbol.

Student practical nurses and instructors at the Open House of 30 Blossom Street are, left to right, Miss Dorothy Spencer, Miss Adele Corkum, Mrs. Elsie Neves, Miss Marion Bates, Miss Barbara Magnuson, Miss Veronica Travers, Miss Millie Desjardines, Mrs. Mildred Goldman, Miss Isabel McDonald, Miss Eileen Foley and Miss Ann Foley. Seated is Miss Margaret Morgan.

New Home For Student Practical Nurses

February 10 marked the official opening of 30 Blossom Street, the first M.G.H. residence for student practical nurses. This new home, formerly D House of the nurses' home at 17 Parkman Street, has been remodeled and refinished to accommodate twelve students.

Present at the open house festivities were Miss Adele Corkum, Miss Marion Bates, and Miss Veronica Travers, supervisors and instructors of the practical nursing program at the M.G.H. In addition to the twelve students who will live in the new dormitory, students who will move in April 12 were also present at the ceremonies.

Our hospital has had an affiliated program with the Household Nursing Association since 1951. The students spend thirteen months of their training at this hospital, but in the future, they will be here only nine months.

This course, formerly eighteen months long, will be shortened to fifteen months. Previously, graduate practical nurses were called licensed attendants.

Mrs. Mary Lydon, formerly connected with Walcott House, is in charge of the new residence.

Reward

A generous gift is offered to the person who has found a small, stainless steel, pocket knife. The owner cherishes the object for sentimental reasons.

Please call Dr. D. Donaldson at Extension 532.

Work Simplification "Graduation"

Completion of the first work simplification course was celebrated with a group supper on February 18 by the twenty members who had "graduated" from the twenty hours of instruction.

Several projects were attempted throughout the period, one of which was the simplification of sandwich making. Colored movies were taken of Mrs. Florence Costa of Dietary while she was putting sandwiches together before and after she applied short cuts.

Three new classes are now in progress. Employees from various departments have enrolled in the ten week program which attempts to teach employees to "work smarter, not harder." This is accomplished through lectures given by the instructor as well as by members of the class. Experiments involving the participation of the group and visual aids complement the talks.

RESEARCH COUNCIL

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ceived from other persons throughout the entire country and from many different companies. Altogether they will make up the overall picture of what happens when illness occurs.

In charge of the program at M.G.H. is Miss Catherine Yevic, Assistant Personnel Director. Mr. Edmund Mattos, Assistant Director, as the Council's representative, will disseminate its information to various organizations in the Boston area.

Miss Catherine Yevic, Assistant Personnel Director, introduces Mr. Charles Trainor of the telephone company's training department, to M.G.H. employees.

Telephone Hour

Telephone courtesy was the theme of the program which was presented by the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company to over 300 M.G.H. employees at two separate sessions in the Domestic 5 classroom on February 5.

In introducing a film on the proper use of the telephone, Mr. Charles Trainor of the telephone company's training department said that the incidents portrayed in the film were based on actual occurrences despite the fact that they seemed to be exaggerated.

Because face to face contact is not possible when one speaks on the telephone, one must convey genuine interest and friendliness with his voice; hence one cannot rely on facial expression. First of all, a prompt answer with proper identification of your department and your name is essential. A handy pencil and pad of paper facilitates your business if you must look up information or call the party back. If unable to supply the necessary information, have the call transferred to the proper individual or department without delay. Those who must leave their offices should leave word as to their whereabouts, and if paged, should answer as quickly as possible.

A courteous thank you and goodbye before closing the conversation is like a warm handshake. The person at the other end of the line should always be made to feel that we are part of an organization which has his interests at heart.

Each employee who attended the program had the opportunity to record his voice and to hear it as others do. Needless to say, many faces registered surprise.

Because these sessions were so popular, they will be repeated in the near future.

Observing while Miss Selma Surman, secretary in Baker X-ray, records her voice are Miss Lois Bleakney, head nurse on Burnham 5, and Miss Anne Smith, student. Each individual had the opportunity to record his voice at the program sponsored by the New England Telephone Company on February 2.

Alley Tallies

Well folks, with the end of the bowling season just a few weeks away, preparations for the bowling "World Series" have been completed. It now appears as though the Yankees, first half winners, will meet the Printers, who are well out in front of the second half for the championship. This championship match is scheduled for Thursday, March 18, at 6:00 p.m. at the Webster Alley in Roxbury. All are invited to attend.

During this second half of the season there has been quite a "shuffle" of the teams with the Printers showing up exceptionally well. Although the Yankees have fared fairly well, they have been hampered by absenteeism.

Although the Strikers have been greatly strengthened with Tom Allston and Dan Leary helping Bill Marion (who, incidentally, has been bowling very well), Max Rosen and Frank Reardon's slow start appears to be too much for them to overcome.

The Accountants, who also experienced the problem of absenteeism in recent outings, also appear to be out of the running, but John Mendes and Ernie Zunino have kept the team in contention with fine backing of John Boxivonos, Herb Carter and John MacSweeney.

Finally, the Maintenance team, composed of Mal McLean, Luke May, Eddie Butten, Walter Robak and Jerry Mullo, has presented the other teams with a constant but not consistant threat all season.

Louis Jeffrey

Top Bowlers

THE PRINTERS

Standing are R. Cluff and J. St. Pierre. Seated, left to right: W. Doren, R. Davis and M. Sardhina.

THE YANKEES

Seated, left to right, are: E. Voelkel, L. Jeffrey and P. Antonino. G. Boyce is standing. Team member not present is R. Gasdia.

Action shot of Fred Mapplebeck, holder of the high three-string title up to February 11.

Spotlight On The Dietetic Interns

Our attention this month is focused on twenty-two young women who have on the sleeve of their white uniforms a triangular blue and white emblem. This identifies them as dietetic interns. The intern photographed on these pages—Miss Catherine Tucker of Hammond, Indiana—is one of these young women. A graduate of DePauw University, she will complete her training here in July.

M.G.H., one of the first hospitals to acknowledge nutrition as a science and dietetics as a profession has had student dietitians since 1910. The length of this course has increased from the time of its inception, and since 1934, a year has been required for the completion of the program.

Postgraduate Course

In accordance with the standards of the American Dietetic Association, an intern receives a diploma when she has concluded the course, and is admitted as a member of the association. All interns are graduates of accredited colleges or universities with a bachelor of science degree in foods and nutrition or institutional management. The program at M.G.H., under the guidance of the Chief Dietitian, Miss Louise Hatch, and her staff of graduate dietitians, provides all phases of the experience as required by the A.D.A. As a result, we have affiliates from other hospitals in the area.

This internship is intended to provide the student with practical experience in administration, science and education. The course is planned for those who wish to work in hospital centers or community organizations, as well as in commercial or industrial fields.

Administrative Experience

Special emphasis is placed on the mechanics of planning, preparing and serving food to patients and employees. With an average 160,000 meals during a four week period, ample opportunity is afforded the intern for practical experience.

Dietetic intern Miss Catherine Tucker checks the cold food for the patients' lunch to make sure the correct quantity of food goes to the right floor.

Miss Tucker is quite convinced that Garth Hood, patient in Vincent Burnham, would rather not have peaches for dessert.

During the time the intern is in the White kitchen, she helps in some phase of the preparation of 5000 daily meals. She learns how to keep accounts in the Food Store and how to order, prepare and serve the food to the various floors and cafeterias.

Therapeutic Diets

Private patients in Phillips House and semi-private patients in the Baker Memorial are able to choose their meals from hotel-like menus which are modified to meet the needs of their individual special diets. The intern is responsible for visiting her patients every day in order to help them select foods which conform to the prescribed diets.

Baker and Phillips House, with their respective 300 and 150 beds, share a main kitchen located in Baker. The intern gains a knowledge of decentralized service and management of floor kitchens as well as skill and appreciation for menu planning.

The special diet meals prepared in our kitchens make up 63 per cent of all the meals served to our patients. Thus a dietetic intern's therapeutic training forms a very important part of her course. She must keep in close contact with people whose progress depends upon proper diet as specified by the doctor.

The problem of special diets becomes more complicated with children —particularly when the intern shares the responsibility for the meals of approximately forty children. She writes menus and special diets according to the age of the child, and observes the eating habits of the various age groups. With children, as with adults, meals must be attractive as well as wholesome.

Research

The dietetic intern finds she really has to apply her knowledge of chemistry and physiology when on duty in the Mallinckrodt Ward, or Ward 4, as it is more commonly known. This is the research unit located in Bulfinch where the quantitative technique is used in preparing and serving meals to its ten patients. All food must be apportioned by weight.

Nutrition Clinic

The Nutrition Clinic of the Out-Patient Department provides the graduate student with the opportunity

The dietetic intern finds exact food measurement is vital to the progress of patients in Ward 4.

of working with the socio-economic problems of the ambulatory patient and to observe the close integration of physician and social worker.

Here people are taught how to purchase and prepare food on the basis of their individual diets. They also learn the principles used in planning a special meal for one member of a family when all other members have an unlimited diet. It is here, too, that patients have the opportunity to see what a three ounce serving of meat looks like. Artificial foods in particular amounts give patients an understanding of the size portions they should have.

Attractive posters and displays throughout OPD remind all patients of the importance of proper eating habits. These are done by the interns as part of the training in the Nutrition Clinic.

Principals Selected For Yeoman Of The Guard

The three performances of Gilbert and Sullivan's Yeomen of the Guard scheduled for April 21, 22 and 23 will feature Charlotte Furbish as Phoebe, John Ragan, M.D., as Colonel Fairfax, Marie Cumming as Elsie and Richard Rogers as Jack Point.

Supporting them will be Earl Edgerton as Meryll, Maurice Fontaine as Leonard, Dusty Gould as Dame Carruthers and Peter Terry as Wilfred. Rosemarie Best, James Lyons, Stephen Bel Corsaro and John Farrell have the roles of Kate, the lieutenant and the first and second yeoman respectively.

Miss Margot Warner is again directing the M.G.H. Operetta Company's production, which this year will be performed in the Museum of Science Auditorium.

Chi Phi Pledges At M.G.H.

Eight pledges of the Chi Phi Fraternity of M.I.T., clad in work clothes and masks, spent the early hours of the morning assisting the Housekeeping Department by dusting the walls and thousands of feet of steam pipes in the basement of Bulfinch and the Research Building.

Those who "volunteered" their services from 2:00 to 6:00 a.m. on February 12 were Tech students Brooke Anderson, James Chorak, John Currie, Robert Freeman, John Hartigan, Oystein Linge, Vern Porter and Dee Ward.

Mrs. George Anagnos learns from Miss Tucker the size meat portions she may eat.

Dietetic Interns Graduate

Dietetic interns of the February group of the 1953-54 class were presented their diplomas by Dr. Dean Clark, General Director of the hospital, in the Trustees Room on February 5.

Those who graduated are Miss Anna Beck, Moorhead, Minnesota; Miss Sarah Douglass, Knoxville, Tennessee; Miss Vella Engblom, Flagstaff, Arizona; and Miss Mary Serena, Mattapan.

Dietetic interns who received their diplomas February 5 are, left to right, Anna Beck, Mary Serena, Vella Engblom and Sara Douglass.

News From The Nursing Department

Mrs. Julia Defenderfer, Medical Supervisor in Bulfinch, spoke at the 33rd annual convention of the American Protestant Hospital Association which was held in Chicago February 10, 11 and 12. The title of her address was "Spiritual Factors in Nursing Care." Mrs. Defenderfer is the wife of the Reverend R. C. Defenderfer, formerly chaplain at the M.G.H. and now chaplain at the Metropolitan State Hospital in Waltham.

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Miss Ruth M. Farrisey, formerly Public Health Nursing Supervisor at the M.G.H., is now the Executive Officer in charge of operations in the Out-Patient Department.

Hugh Heney

Welcome to these new members: **Mrs. Stephanie Dacko** who is the evening aide on White 11, and **Mrs. Helen Stewart** who succeeded Mrs. Deela McGary in the Suction Room. **Mrs. Naomi Brown** and **Miss Fannie Davis** have also joined our Ward Helper group recently.

Wedding bells have been ringing. **Miss Vera Brown,** aide on Vincent 3 has changed her name to Brown and **Miss Evelyn Carlyn,** aid on White 12, is now Mrs. Lawson.

Miss Doris Hamm returned from a vacation in Florida and has been promoted to supervisor. Congratulations!

Mr. Ernest Middlemiss has returned to O.N.W. and is most welcome as a hospital aide.

Mary E. Wolcott

ABOUT FOLKS

Social Service

The Social Service Department has had several foreign visitors, among whom is **Miss Suzanne Hassan** of Belfast, Northern Ireland, who is a visiting social work student from Boston University, School of Social Work.

Miss Hassan is on a Fulbright scholarship, and will spend a year in the various social work departments of Boston hospitals. Prior to her visit here, she was an Almoner in the Brompton Hospital in London and also the Manchester University Cardiology Department. During World War II, Miss Hassan served in the British Navy. Her impression of the United States is summed up in one word—"hospitality."

Miss Maria Mojica, Assistant Chief Nurse of the San Lazaro Hospital, Manila, P.I., briefly visited the Social Service Department here to observe the techniques practiced at the M.G.H. Following her visit, she left for Texas and will be traveling for five months as a United Nations fellow.

Replacing **Mrs. Catherine MacKenzie** as case aide in the Orthopedic Service is **Miss Betty Ann Orlov.**

The project undertaken by the Social Service Department is to assume financial responsibility for a group of children in foreign countries. This year they have chosen the "Children to Palestine, Inc.," whereby funds collected from the staff have been sent to support these refugee children.

Miriam Tom

Accounting

We note that **Miss Marie Naoum** of Payroll is now weighted down with a dazzling diamond. The fortunate gentlemen is Philip Bognanni.

Bob Burns startled everyone with the announcement of the birth of his baby daughter. This blessed event is probably the only secret which has ever been kept by anyone in the annals of the department.

Mrs. Helen Foote of Payroll is anticipating the arrival of an additional tax exemption this spring.

Recently promoted to the position of assistant supervisor of patients' accounts was **Leroy Moon.** He was formerly in the accounts receivable section.

Miss Charlotte Matulsky enjoyed her week's vacation on the sunny beaches of Miami.

Evelyn Alexander of Tabulating spends spare moments as a volunteer in Baker. Where does that girl get her energy?

Miss Marie Cummings is recovering from a recent automobile accident. Hurry back, Marie, the OPD patients are demanding you.

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to **Miss Hope Warren** of the OPD Cashiers on the recent death of her father.

Joseph McCue

Dietary Tidbits

"Strange things are happening," or should we say, progressive things are happening in Dietary. Since work simplification descended on our salad room, movies were taken of **Florence Costa** using a time saving device for sandwich wrapping. **Wesley Wallace** is perfecting a new method of slicing tomatoes, and so it goes.

Speaking of salads, all the salads served in Baker are prepared by **Dorothy Burke** of Baker kitchen.

Sam Locke and **Joe Bellantoni** of our butcher shop have each made a trip to market with our departmental meat purchasing group.

As usual, we prepare and serve special parties and the serving sometimes requires extra helping hands. Lately those helping hands belong to **Josephine Collins, Olivet Fitzgerald, Mary McGuinness** and **Mabel Smith.**

Frank Matsu of our Food Store was hospitalized in Bulfinch but he has recovered and is back on duty.

Joe McBride of White diet kitchen is hospitalized at the time of this writing. With his wife, **Katherine,** of our dish room, we wish him a speedy recovery.

Clementine Van der Maelen of West Cafeteria has recovered from her illness and is back at work. Did you know that Clementine has a little grandson who was born January 30?

Frances S. Harvey

Housekeeping

The Housekeeping Department is happy to welcome **Mrs. Ruth Harrington** as its newest member. She was recently appointed secretary to Mr. William MacNair, department head.

Our sympathy is extended to **Mr. Eugene W. Anderson** on the recent loss of his mother, who passed away on January 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Monahan are the proud parents of a baby boy. Daniel Jr. was born November 23.

Miss Sophie Kagan, formerly discharge maid at the Vincent Burnham Building, has been promoted to supervisor of supplies. Good luck, Sophie, at your new job.

John J. Donovan

Eye & Ear Infirmary

Recent changes in the Nursing Department are as follows:

Miss Dorothy Hurst resigned on January 31 from her duties as assistant head nurse of the children's ward. Miss Hurst, a graduate of Massachusetts Memorial, was employed by the Infirmary for the past eight years and recently became married to Mr. Sherman Boyer. The Boyers will make their future home in Nantucket.

Mrs. John W. Lyons (Grace Hanley) resigned as head nurse of the private floor on January 31 in order to join her husband who is currently stationed with the Army Medical Corps at Fort Houston, Texas.

Successors to Miss Hurst and Mrs. Lyons are **Miss Barbara Ciccolo** and **Miss Jennie H. Kaizzi.**

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Mr. Raymond W. Lyons, Accounting Department Head, attended a human relations conference, held at the YMCA on February 11 and 12. Mr. Carl Joonson, Consultant at the YMCA and worker in the Adult Education Program, led the conference for those serving in supervisory capacities in Metropolitan Boston. Mr. Joonson detailed "Employee Relations" by discussing sound decision, foundations for good relations, problem interviewing and the supervisor's basic qualifications.

The conference terminated with the discussion and solution of personnel problems brought forward by those attending.

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Miss Frances Hawkes, formerly employed in the Eye Pathology Laboratory, has returned to the Infirmary as a technician in the Howe Laboratory.

The Infirmary welcomes to its secretarial staff, **Mrs. Jean Sheperd,** who is assisting in the Nursing Office.

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A Valentine Tea was given by the Ladies Visiting Committee on February 9 in the Surgeons' Parlor. All services of the hospital were well represented—staff members, residents, nurses, technicians and social services. The pourers included Mrs. Joseph M. Clough, Mrs. John W. Farley, Mrs. Henry Hixon Meyer, Mrs. Franklin Reece, Mrs. Sullivan A. Sargent, Mrs. William B. Snow, Jr., Mrs. Thomas C. Thatcher and Mrs. Andrew N. Winslow, Jr. The tea was the first in a series of gatherings held each year for hospital personnel under the auspices of the Ladies Visiting Committee.

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Occupational Therapy Clinic Redecorated

The new kitchen unit teaches patients to adjust to everyday life.

Open House For Employees And Staff

The completion of the redecoration of the Occupational Therapy Clinic on Domestic 2 was celebrated with an open house for over 200 staff members and employees on February 26.

The space of this main clinic for patients who are ambulatory has been utilized to its fullest advantage and new equipment has been added. New drapes and paint completed the transformation.

New Kitchen Unit

Attention was focused on the complete kitchen and domestic unit for activities of daily living. The M.G.H. is one of the few hospitals having such a unit in its occupational therapy department. The kitchen is not an ideal one—that is to say, it is not one which would be found in the most modern home—but one which would be found in the average home.

Here the arthritic and hemiplegic patient learns to carry on the activities of daily living despite his or her handicap. The housewife learns how to beat eggs with a one-hand beater in a bowl without holding the bowl

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"Yeomen" To Be Presented Three Nights

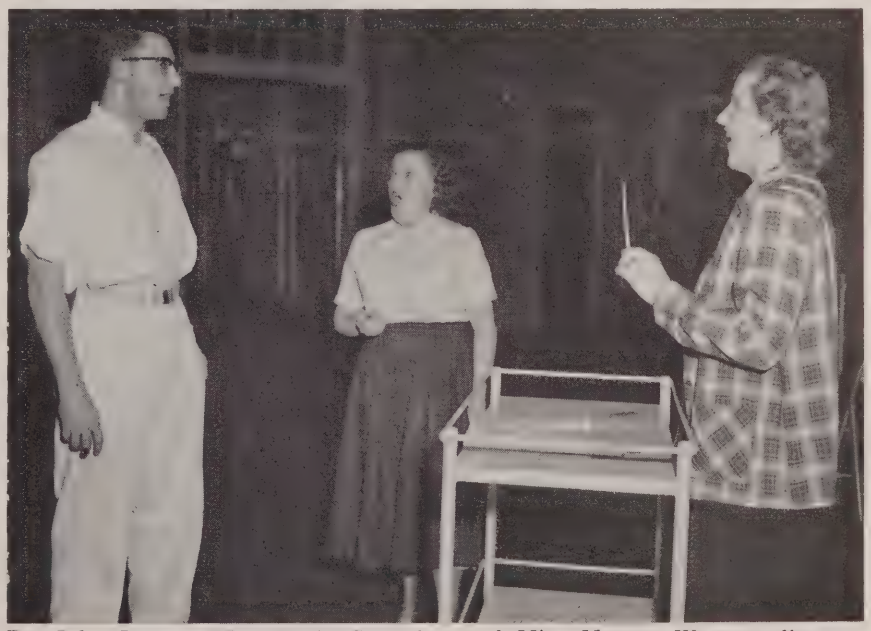
Gilbert and Sullivan's operetta, "The Yeomen of the Guard," will be presented April 21, 22 and 23 in Morse Auditorium at the Museum of Science.

This is the first time in its five year history that the M.G.H. Operetta Company will give three performances of its annual production.

The romantic opera of sixteenth century England will feature Charlotte Furbish as Phoebe, Marie Cumming as Elsie, Dr. John Ragan as Colonel Fairfax and Richard Rogers as Jack Point.

Others in the cast are Stephen Bel Corsaro, Rosemarie Best, Earle Edgerton, John Farrell, Maurice Fontaine, Dusty Gould, James Lyons and Peter Terry. Mrs. Phillips Ketchum will accompany the singers.

Tickets are $1.00 each and may be obtained in the Personnel Department. Proceeds from the operetta are for the M.G.H. Research Fund and the Employees' Recreation Fund.



Dr. John Ragan, Miss Marie Cumming and Miss Margot Warner, director, rehearsing for the M.G.H. Operetta Company's forthcoming production, Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Yeomen of the Guard," which will be presented at Morse Auditorium at the Museum of Science on April 21, 22 and 23.

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Safety Is Everyone's Responsibility

The figures revealed at the Massachusetts Safety Council's annual conference at the Hotel Statler on March 22 and 23 will startle many of us. Approximately 31,000 people in the state die annually as a result of accidents which occur in the home.

This figure accounts for one-third of all accidents, twice the number of deaths resulting from industrial accidents, and nearly as many as those resulting from automobile accidents.

Many of these accidents are caused by carelessness. Stray paper clips, flower petals, paper and drops of water on the floor are indications of this carelessness.

In the hospital, as in the home, we must attempt to cut down the number of accidents by reducing the hazards. If you see burned out electric lights, leaking faucets and radiators, or broken glass, be sure to report them to your supervisor. Instead of avoiding the paper clip or rubber band on the floor, pick it up. This thoughtfulness may prevent a person from injury.

When descending stairs, go down one at a time. Don't speed around corners; someone may be coming from the other direction. And when doing your work, keep your mind on it.

Safety is everybody's business—at home, at work and at play. Let's all cooperate.

Display Commemorates World Health Day

"The Nurse—Pioneer of Health" was the theme of the display in the Brick Corridor last week in commemoration of the founding of the World Health Organization on April 7, 1948.

The nurses are the first professional group to be singled out in this manner. The World Health Day theme was inspired by Florence Nightingale's visit to the war front hospitals in the Crimea one hundred years ago and her pioneering work in making nursing a disciplined profession.

The exhibit illustrated some of the means by which the nurse participates in striving for the common goal of the eighty-four countries making up WHO: the highest attainable health for every human being without distinction of race, religion, political belief, economic or social condition.

Letter To The Editor

I wish to thank the entire staff of Vincent 2 and 3 for the consideration and wonderful care and treatment given to my wife during her recent illness.

Fred Solberg Melrose

Many Research Activities

Although we are aware that there are constant research activities at M.G.H., few of us realize the extent of these activities.

During 1953, the total research funds, including the Harvard funds, amounted to $2,815,556.

This amount contributed to all types of studies, the most outstanding being the introduction of Coenzyme A by Dr. Fritz Lipmann, recipient of the Nobel Prize in Medicine for 1953.

A report by the Committee on Research lists the research activities of M.G.H. during the last six months of 1953. There were 271 projects during that period for which funds were available.

In addition to the studies, 184 papers were published by various staff members, many having more than one published. Furthermore, 105 papers accepted for publication but not published during 1953 were also listed in the report.

Nurses To Attend Convention

Several members of the nursing staff will attend the annual conference of the American Nursing Association to be held in Chicago the week of April 26.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

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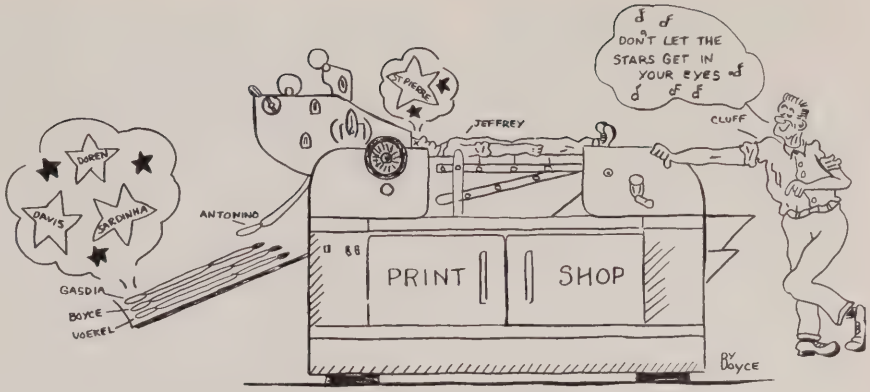
to prevent its sliding. This is accomplished by placing a simple suction cup under the bowl. Many of these devices may be purchased at any five and dime store.

Many Activities Provided

Patients learn to tie lacings and button shirts with one hand. They learn to iron while sitting. The readjustment of the individual to life after illness strikes is the object of the Occupational Therapy Department. Therapy is extremely valuable in ascertaining the patient's potentialities in caring for himself and his family. He develops his injured muscles through prescribed exercise, or learns to use other muscles. Occupational therapy does more than adjust patients to hospitalization; it adjusts them to life by providing them with useful and meaningful activities.

In addition to the kitchen unit, the ambulatory clinic includes separate areas for woodworking, weaving, printing and ceramics. The Ladies Visiting Committee provided the latter unit with a kiln, potter's wheel and supplies. A PBX switchboard was loaned by the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, adding to the uniqueness of the department. Patients develop coordination and increase their range of motion while using these treatment media.

The staff, consisting of the supervisor, Mrs. Irma Cohen, and four therapists, is headed by Dr. Arthur L. Watkins, Chief of Physical Medicine. In addition to the main clinic, they have a psychiatric unit and a pediatric unit. The latter will also be redecorated in the near future.



ALLEY TALLIES

Printers Win World Series. This news is the story of one of the greatest team efforts ever experienced in the M.G.H. Bowling League. The Yankees, who had been considered by many as the favorite in the match, could not keep up to the pace set by the Printers on March 18.

It's difficult to point at a single individual who stood out more than any other, but through the first two strings it was Bill Doren who virtually astonished everyone with his tremendous clutch bowling. Of course Roland Davis' superb first string score was the clue to the eventual outcome. But it was Manny Sardhina who came through when that extra "black mark" was needed. Captain Cluff was his usual brilliant self and did not bowl one string under 99. Finally, it was Joseph St. Pierre, the great anchor man of the Printers, who added the crushing blows and ended up high man for the evening.

It is practically impossible to select the proper adjectives for each individual on the team, but perhaps a few statistics will help understand their great efforts. In every string which the Printers bowled the team average was above 95 (the Yankees' was 90). The three string total average per man was 97 and the three string team total was 1458. The latter set an all-time high in the history of the league.

Peter Antonino of the Yankees carried their heavy end of the plank. He came up with the strikes and spares when they were needed to add that extra spark to the team and rolled the highest individual string of the evening with 116.

Yankee teammate George Boyce provided moral support. George, who could not bowl because he has dislocated his hip two weeks before the end of the season, was discharged from the hospital the day of this event.

Louis Jeffrey

Patients are kept busy in the woodworking unit of the Occupation Therapy Clinic. Guiding them is Mrs. Irma Cohen, supervisor.

Intercollegiate Club Of Boston Invites Membership Applications

The Intercollegiate Club of Boston is open for applications for membership in its organization which presents a program of dances, discussion groups, and lectures at the University Club, 40 Trinity Place. The group is composed of single men and women who are college graduates, and those interested in joining should write to Box 179, Boston.

Citizenship Thrills Polish Immigrant

Mr. John Barton, orderly on Bulfinch 7 and 8 for almost five years, became a citizen of the United States on March 15.

Mr. Barton, formerly Jan Bartoszewicz, is a native of Poland, but for reasons beyond his control, has not seen his country since 1939, the time of the German occupation of Poland. A professional soldier and veteran of two world wars and the war between his country and Russia, Mr. Barton had attained the rank of major. Before he came to the United States, he had spent time in Roumania, France and England with the Polish troops. With the demobilization of England, Mr. Barton was able to leave England and the army and come to this country.

Overjoyed with his new status, Mr. Barton stated that Americans could not possibly understand this happiness granted him. Despite this, there is a perpetual cloud over him, for his wife and twenty-two year old son whom he has not seen for fifteen years are behind the Iron Curtain. Although he hears of them, he does not communicate directly with them.

M.G.H. Represented At Hospital Assembly

Dr. Dean Clark, General Director; Mr. Raymond Kinsman, Superintendent of Works; Dr. James Means, Chief of the Medical Service, Emeritus; Miss Louise Seymour, Record Librarian; and Dr. W. Franklin Wood, Director of McLean Hospital, represented M.G.H. at the New England Hospital Assembly held at the Hotel Statler March 29 to 31.

This thirty-first annual assembly consisted of twenty-six discussion sessions, the subjects of which covered all phases of hospital operation.

Dr. Wood extended greetings at the formal opening of the annual meeting on the first day of the assembly. Miss Seymour headed a panel discussion entitled "The Medical Record Librarian and Hospital Accreditation." Dr. Means was one of the speakers of a group of which Dr. Clark was the chairman. Their subject was "The Governing Board's Responsibility for Medical Care." Mr. Kinsman was a member of the panel which discussed "Laundry Problems and Opinion Clinic."

In addition to the discussions there were over one hundred exhibits of hospital equipment and supplies.

ABOUT MEDICINE

In 1946 a plan was initiated whereby children living near the M.G.H. who were admitted to the wards of the Children's Medical Service and had inadequate means of being cared for upon returning home, were visited by the doctor who cared for them in the hospital. This enabled such patients to be discharged earlier than would otherwise have been desirable, for it assured effective follow-up care of such patients prior to their being well enough to visit the out-patient clinic. It also provided more continuity of care and a wider clinical experience to the doctors in training on the pediatric service.

Medical Care for West End Children

In October of 1950, the program was reorganized as a Child Health Service in order to provide complete medical care in the home, clinics or hospital for children of families living in the West End who were obtaining this medical care from the hospital and who were eligible for out-patient care. Except for well-baby supervision provided at the Blossom Street Health Unit, service rendered is charged to the patient according to the family's ability to pay as determined by our regular admitting office procedure.

Program To Expand

The anticipated expansion of this Child Health Service during the past winter has been delayed pending decision of basic policies common to this service and the proposed Family Health Service with which the former will merge during the coming year. At present, the service is caring for approximately 110 children in 35 different families living near the hospital. Home visits are made when the nature of the illness and its treatment can be best handled in the home. Regularly scheduled health supervision examinations are given yearly, or more frequently with the younger children. Ambulatory care for illness is provided through the Out-Patient Department and when necessary, the child is admitted to the hospital.

Young Christopher Bennett seems delighted with Miss Ann Lord of the Visiting Nursing Association as she checks his progress at the Well-Child Conference held monthly in OPD.

Chris is examined by his doctor, Dr. Frederic Blodgett, Associate Physician to the Children's Medical Service.

When the Child Health Service merges with the Family Health Service, Dr. Joseph Stokes of the Adult Medical Service will also care for the parents of the children already being cared for. The program will truly represent a "Family Health Service," utilizing the total facilities of this hospital, the visiting and public health nurses and the public and private health and social agencies of the community. It is hoped that the family physicians of the area will become closely associated with the service.

Training Family Physician

Recognizing its responsibility in training the "family physician" who plays such a basically important role in medical care, the faculty of the Harvard Medical School has approved an experimental study of improving

Bi-weekly conferences regarding patients include individuals from different services, and sometimes visitors. Left to right: Miss Ruth Rosen, Family Service Association; Miss Lord; Miss Florence Gilberti, OPD Admitting Officer; Dr. Allan M. Butler, Chief of Children's Medical Service; Miss Mary Quinlan, Assistant Public Health Supervisor; Miss Carrie Daniels, Visiting Nursing Association; Dr. Blodgett; and Miss Ruth Farrisey, Executive Officer in charge of operations of OPD. Not present is Miss Janet MacPherson, social worker.

the manner of training such physicians in cooperation with the M.G.H. The establishment of the Family Health Service is a primary prerequisite to fulfilling this important function in medical education.

Many Departments Represented

In addition to the representatives of the medical and pediatric staffs of the hospital, the staff will include representatives of the University departments of preventive medicine and social science and of the psychiatric, social and nursing services of the hospital. The study will be directed by a committee consisting of the Dean, Assistant Dean and Professor of Preventive Medicine of the Medical School and the General Director and chiefs of medical, children's medical and psychiatric services of the hospital.

The major objective of this cooperative endeavor is best described as "the training of physicians who provide complete medical care for their patients by marshalling all information, skills, available personnel and facilities for preventing and treating illness, and whose interest in their patients and their families makes it possible for them to recognize social, environmental and medical factors concerned with the cause and evolution of the patient's illnesses and their influence on their medical care."

Miss Carole O'Connell, secretary, makes an appointment for Mrs. Maria Emmons and son.

Benefit Concert Successful

The concert presented by the Old South Bell Ringers on March 15 netted over $400 for the Chinju School in Kyongsang, Namdo, Korea. The benefit program was sponsored by the nurses.

Introduced to the audience by Miss Daphne Corbett, Assistant Director of Nursing, were Dr. Chong Park and Miss Kwak (whose first name is not known to us). Dr. Park is the chief pediatrician of the Presbyterian General Hospital in Korea and is now studying at the Harvard School of Public Health. Miss Kwak, a graduate nurse, is a student at the Providence Bible School. She expects to visit the Chinju School upon her return to Korea and give them our personal greetings.

Sailing Season Open

Spring is not the only thing that's just around the corner. Are you aware that you have, practically at your elbow, an enterprise that can give you hours of healthful, interesting fun during the coming months? The Community Boat Club offers you just that, and at a very modest outlay.

The boathouse is on Embankment Road—no distance at all from Charles Street Station and the Hatch Shell. Here, if you've never sailed a small boat before, you are given experienced instruction under ideal conditions, until you are capable of handling a boat by yourself.

But perhaps you are an old salt. Then there is racing for experts and companionable hours at the helm in pleasant winds.

Your membership card entitles you to the use of sailboats during sailing hours. Included, too, is participation in club dances and various social activities.

If you feel doubtful of the outcome, you can sign up at fifteen dollars for thirty days and later convert to full membership by paying the balance. If you have youngsters in the family between the ages of twelve and eighteen, they are eligible for full instruction at a cost of only one dollar for the season.

Why not investigate? You'll find it the best bargain afloat.

Mildred Cady

We regret the death of Mrs. Ella Godsoe of Pharmacy. After being hospitalized since mid-December, she passed away on March 16.

Before his death which ended almost fifty years of service with M.G.H., her husband, Joseph, was Pharmacist of the hospital.

THE M. G. H. — A TRADITION

The Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School in 1853. Although the connection between the two is entirely unofficial, the close affiliation has continued through the years.

As early as 1797 the will of William Phillips bequested $5,000 toward a hospital in the Town of Boston, the money to be paid "to any person or persons whom the town shall appoint to receive the same as soon as they shall determine to begin the work." $15,000 was later added by his heirs and paid to the trustees of the corporation.

The first to take steps toward the establishment of a hospital was Reverend John Bartlett, Chaplain to the Boston Alms House for the Insane. His interest in the insane encouraged him to take steps in obtaining suitable quarters and scientific treatment of these individuals. It was he who called a meeting of the rich and influential men in Boston to aid this cause. They also saw an opportunity for a general hospital and a surgical institution. Two of the men greatly impressed with Bartlett's idea were Drs. James Jackson and John Warren, Harvard University professors who later became physician-in-chief and surgeon-in-chief, respectively, of the hospital.

Legislative Action

In accordance with its founders, a corporation was formed by an act of the Legislature to erect a hospital for the purpose of caring for the sick and insane and for the teaching of medicine.

The dream came closer to reality when definite construction plans were made in 1811.

The War of 1812 delayed progress, and it was not until 1816 that the trustees were able to conduct a house-to-house campaign in order to raise funds. In eight days they received $93,969 toward the proposed hospital.

Odd Gifts

Records of gifts for the construction of the building include a donation of $300 from an individual with the provision that the money be returned to him if he needed it.

Another was a gift of an Egyptian mummy. Exhibited here and elsewhere, it netted $1,200 for the hospital. The relic is still in the Ether Dome.

On September 1, 1821, the first patient was admitted to this hospital, which then consisted of the Bulfinch Building. He was a thirty year old seaman whose diagnosis is not known to us.

During the next four months eighteen more patients were admitted. The total bed capacity in 1823, two years after the opening of the hospital, was seventy-three.

Non-sectarian and Voluntary

Since its inception the M.G.H. has been a non-sectarian and voluntary hospital supported by the contributions of benefactors, plus fees of those patients who could pay. It is free from governmental control except for the appointment of four of the twelve trustees each year by the governor of the Commonwealth.

The hospital continued to grow, and in the 1840's two wings were added to the Bulfinch Building in order to accommodate more patients. The present laundry building was built at that time and was used as the kitchen and laundry.

New Era for Surgery

It was during this time, also, that sulphuric ether was first used publicly. A plaque on the wall of the Ether Dome of Bulfinch bears the following inscription:

On October 16, 1846, in this room, then the operating theatre of the hospital, was given the first public demonstration of anaesthesia to the extent of producing insensibility to pain during a serious surgical op ration. Sulphuric ether was administered by William Thomas Green Morton, a Boston d ntist. The patient was Gilbert Abbott. The operation was the removal of a tumor under the jaw. The surgeon was John Collins Warren. The patient declared that he had felt no pain during the operation and was discharged well December 7. Knowledge of this discovery spread from this room throughout the civilized world and a new era for surgery began.

New facilities were needed in this

The M.G.H. ambulance of 1888.

new era of surgery. A building consisting of operating rooms was opened in 1867. During the 70's the bed capacity of the hospital was increased with the construction of four small buildings. These pavilion wards were built with the expectation that they would have to be burned periodically as a result of the hospital gangrene.

The year 1896 marked the beginning of a real laboratory. From its beginning the hospital had recognized the importance of studying disease, and autopsies were done. Important work such as this had been carried on in "a hole-and-corner way" before this laboratory under Dr. James H. Wright was established.

The M.G.H. at the turn of the century had survived its initial growing pains and was in the midst of building construction. However, the hospital still cared for only the poor, the Phillips House and the Baker Memorial not even planned.

McLean Hospital

Meanwhile, the McLean Asylum for the Insane, as it was called until rechristened in 1892, had also developed.

The eight-day campaign mentioned above resulted with $43,997 specifically designated for the asylum. This was considered somewhat more important than the branch designated as a general hospital.

The purchase of the Joy Estate in Charlestown in 1816 marked the beginning of the care of the mentally ill in Massachusetts. As mentioned previously, Massachusetts had no hospitals at the beginning of the nineteenth century, although New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia had established institutions some years before.

The first patient admitted to McLean in 1818 was a young man whose father thought him possessed with the devil. He unsuccessfully tried to rid his son of the devil by using the rod. A complete recovery of the young man is recorded; also the fact that he became a pedlar and acquired property worth $10,000 or $12,000.

Good Care of Mentally Ill

Great stress was laid upon the 'system of moral management' under which the asylum was conducted. Patients received kind and gentle treatment from carefully selected attendants who never used strait jackets.

From the beginning, the occupation and diversion in the treatment of the patient was of prime importance.

In 1844, for the first time in McLean's history, patients were refused admission as a result of lack of space. This, and the fact that the railroads were growing and encroaching upon the asylum grounds, made it necessary to seek new grounds.

A surgical ward in Bulfinch around 1894.

Training School

A training school for nurses was established at McLean in 1882. This was the first mental hospital in the world to teach nurses to care for the insane.

In 1895 patients were transferred to new accommodations in Waverley, the present location of McLean Hospital. The institution had by this time increased its bed capacity from the original 60 to 180.

X-ray

With the discovery of the X-ray in 1895, the M.G.H. pharmacist, who was also the hospital photographer, assumed the responsibility of taking X-rays. He did so for about twelve years, at which time photography and X-ray were separated.

On the occasion of the Semicentennial of Ether, there was an exhibition of X-ray. To quote Dr. Frederic Washburn, one of the historians long associated with the hospital: "A few pictures of hands, feet and lower arms were shown, and visitors looked through the fluoroscope and, to their great amazement, saw the bones of their own hands."

Out-Patients

The hospital has a record of all its out-patients since 1847. However, out-patients had been treated before that time. From an address of the trustees to the subscribers and the public, dated March, 1822, the following is extracted:

"The Physician and Surgeon independent of their regular duties in the Hospital will give advice to out-patients to whom medicine will be distributed gratuitously. The Physician, Dr. Jackson, attends to these patients, at the Hospital, on Thursdays, at twelve o'clock, and the Surgeon, Dr. Warren, at the same hour on Tuesdays and Fridays. On the latter day persons affected with disorders of the eyes will particularly receive medical advice."

The present building which houses the Out-Patient Department was constructed in 1903.

Four years before this the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary had been opened. Also, additions had been made to M.G.H. The Bigelow Operating Rooms, the Weld Ward and the Domestic Building had been constructed. Up to the time the latter was built children were not separately housed. The construction of the Domestic Building remedied this situation by making space available in Bulfinch.

House Pupils

The young men of the Resident and House Officer Staff of the hospital were at first graduates of medicine to whom were assigned considerable responsibilities. Later they were made House Officers without having attained their M.D. degree. After the first class to have the four-year course at the Harvard Medical School was graduated in 1896, it was customary to select House Pupils from the fourth-year class, the service to count as an elective to the school.

This did not change until 1924 when Harvard ruled that except under exceptional conditions fourth-year students "must not be diverted from their School work by undertaking House Officerships before graduation. Since then House Officers of the hospital have been graduates in medicine.

Thus the hospital as we know it today was being molded. However, rapid advances in medicine demanded greater space and new facilities.

(To be continued)

Location Changed

Miss Anna Viden's office is now located in Bartlett Hall. If unable to reach her there at extension 387, please call extension 109 or 105.

ABOUT FOLKS

News From The Nursing Department

Mr. Wilfred Cloutier, licensed practical nurse and assistant chief of the Appliance Room, began his twenty-fourth year as an employee of this hospital on March 21. Mr. Cloutier has charge of the movie picture projection and the fire safety instruction in the School of Nursing.

We are glad to welcome back to duty **Mr. John McCracken** of the White 5 Plaster Room. Jack was laid up with a bad shoulder after he sustained an injury at home.

Hugh Heney

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Mrs. Genevieve Rosenkranz, former clinical teaching intern, had a baby boy on March 17.

Miss Carole Chase, assistant head nurse on White 7, was married February 7 to Mr. Alfred DeMille. Mr. DeMille works for the Herald-Traveler.

Miss Lois Bleakney, assistant head nurse on Burnham 5, had the good fortune to spend two weeks in Florida.

The new secretary in the White Nursing Office is **Miss Ethel Kennedy.**

Sarah Rowley

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Mrs. Rose Burke has joined the Burnham staff and is most welcome.

Now on the EW front desk is **Mr. George Mansour.**

Mary Wolcott

Accounting

John MacSweeney of Central Cashiers recently became the father of a baby boy.

We are pleased to report that **Evelyn MacMaster** is back at work.

"Zeke" Zunino, the gentleman farmer of the Tabulating Department, has been busy these last few weeks preparing for spring planting. "Zeke" raises all his own vegetables on his fertile little farm in Holbrook.

Joseph McCue

Social Service

Miss Miriam Tom, Surgical Social Service, has taken a leave of absence to visit her home in Hawaii.

Miss Eleanor Clark, Miss Grace Nicholls, Miss Barbara Sprott and **Mrs. Muriel Steele** attended meetings of the American Association of Orthopsychiatry which were held in New York on the week-end of March 13. Members of this organization are psychiatrists, psychologists and social workers who direct their attention to problems in child psychiatry.

Phoebe Cover

A couple of kids on skis are George Hamilton of Protective and former employee Justin Parsons. Mr. Parsons had been with the carpentry shop for forty years.

Baker Memorial

Miss Ann Alberti wishes to thank everyone for his kindness to her during her illness.

Ann Erickson, formerly in Baker Linen Room, has transferred to Floor Service in Vincent?

Mary Faherty of Baker Lab came back from her vacation in Cuba with a diamond. She is engaged to Dr. Luis Arias of Havana who had been at M.G.H. two years doing cardiac research.

We're glad to see **Yolanda Forgione** back at work again after her stay in the hospital.

We welcome **Caroline Newood** from New York to Baker 7.

Frances Hennessey

Dietary Tidbits

Anyone who works in or eats in our cafeterias is pretty well convinced that they are busy places, but how many of us really know the number of people whose trays are checked by our cashiers—**Mrs. Florence MacKinnon** and **Mrs. Madeline O'Meara** in East; **Mrs. Helen Turner** in West; **Mrs. Gertrude Cunningham, Mrs. Patricia Gulli, Mrs. Corinne Murphy** and **John Young** in Nurses'. The total runs as high as 500 people per cashier in 150 minutes. That is an average of three and a half people per minute, and, of course, since the flow is not even, it averages more than that at times.

Frances Harvey

Housekeeping

Miss Marie Malgioglio, kitchen maid in Phillips House, became Mrs. Placido Arena recently.

Eye And Ear Infirmary

A "Bundle Coffee Party" was given for all hospital personnel by the Ladies Visiting Committee in the Surgeons' Parlor on Wednesday morning, March 31. Admission to the Coffee was an article for the Annual Rummage Sale held in Horticultural Hall on April 13 and 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The purpose of the sale was to raise money to assist in furthering the welfare of patients and personnel at the Infirmary.

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Miss Beverly Watson and **Miss Betty Lou McGregor,** senior students at the Pierce Secretarial School in Boston, are here for a four-week training period in secretarial practices. They began their training activities in the secretarial office and later received instruction in laboratory techniques with **Miss Barbara LeLue** of the Mosher Laboratory.

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Miss Hjordis Pedersen, R.N., from Oslo, Norway, was here during March observing ophthalmic nursing. After spending some time in New York she will return to the University Eye Clinic, Rikshospitalet, Oslo, where she will resume her position as supervisor.

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Miss Mary E. Shepard, Director of Nursing Education at the Infirmary, reported another successful meeting of the Industrial Nurses of the Greater Boston area. The conference, held at the Infirmary on March 11, was one of a series to familiarize nurses with the causes and treatments of industrial accidents. Represented at these meetings are the Massachusetts Division of Occupational Hygiene, Eastern Gas and Fuel Associates, Sexton Can Co., Rustcraft Publishers, New England Power Co., New England Telephone and Telegraph Co., New England Confectionery Co. and the Boston Hose Co.

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The Infirmary is proud to display the talent of six of its members in Gilbert and Sullivan's operetta, "The Yeomen of the Guard," to be presented April 21, 22 and 23 in the Museum of Science auditorium. **John Ragan, M.D.,** will take the tenor lead as Fairfax, while **Miss Charlotte Furbish** of the Eye Pathology Laboratory will be cast as Phoebe, the mezzo-soprano lead. Other Infirmary doctors to take part in the operetta are **S. James Bullington, Robert Fink, Robert Herm** and **Frank Milam.**

H. Jean McDuffie

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Unique Program On National Hospital Day

A Medical-Social Service Conference attracted many visitors to the M.G.H.'s Moseley Rotunda on National Hospital Day, May 12.

Dr. Walter Bauer, Chief of Medical Services, was the leader of the conference. Other participants were Dr. James Field, resident; Dr. Thomas Hall, assistant resident; Miss Mary Kearney, social work supervisor in OPD; Miss Janet MacPherson, social worker; and Miss Lois Sweatt, head nurse on Bulfinch 6.

The group was able to demonstrate, by citing an actual case study, how all the services and resources of the M.G.H. are brought together to provide the best possible care for the patient while he is hospitalized and, also, to plan with other community agencies to provide for the patient's convalescence and rehabilitation as it affects him and his family.

The Coordinating Committee of the hospital, which consists of representatives of the several volunteer women's groups associated with the institution, arranged the program which included optional tours for the guests. Committee members in charge of the National Hospital Day program were Mrs. Augustus Thorndike, chairman; Miss Josephine Barbour, Mrs. Edward Churchill, Mrs. Erwin Griswold, Mrs. Reginald Jenney, Mrs. Thomas Lanman, Miss Mary Quinlan, Miss Jessie Stewart and Mrs. William Waddell.

Speakers at the Medical-Social Service Conference held on National Hospital Day are, left to right: Dr. Walter Bauer, Dr. Thomas Hall, Dr. James Field, Miss Mary Kearney, Miss Lois Sweatt and Miss Janet MacPherson.

Four A's Have New Officers

Recently elected officers of the American Amateur Artists Association at M.G.H. were Miss Anna Viden, chairman; Miss Esther Fich, vice chairman; Miss Hazel Anderson, secretary; and Miss Mary Rota, treasurer.

Although the meetings of the Four-A's have been suspended until fall, the group is having a picnic at Manchester on June 6.

Bowling League Banquet

The M.G.H. Bowling League held its annual banquet May 1, at the Ritz Plaza Halls. President John Mendes introduced Dr. Ellsworth Neumann. Administrator, who presented the awards.

The members of the winning Print Shop team, captained by Ralph Cluff, were awarded trophies. Bill Doran. Roland Davis, Manny Sardinha and Joseph St. Pierre received individual honors for their bowling skill. Mr. St. Pierre also received a trophy for the high three string. The high single award went to Jerry Meuro.

Mr. Mendes, retiring president, introduced the officers for next year: Ralph Cluff, president, and Malcolm McLean, vice-president.

Dancing to the music of Louis Jeffrey's orchestra followed the presentation of awards and introduction of officers.

Bowling activities will be resumed in the fall.

Plans For Redevelopment Of West End

The Boston Housing Authority has been authorized to make final plans for the urban redevelopment of the portion of the West End which partially borders the hospital grounds.

The redevelopment process is one whereby obsolete, substandard, decadent and worn out areas of the city are cleared and redeveloped in accordance with a sound plan to protect the future growth of a city. The city buys and clears the substandard areas and prepares the site; private enterprise buys the cleared land and builds or redevelops it in accordance with a plan prepared by the city.

Purpose

The most important reasons for the redevelopment of the West End are: (1) to improve the living conditions of the people who now live there and (2) to relieve the city of the tax bur-

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Discussing plans for the Softball League are, left to right: Malcolm McLean, Electric Shop; Francis Thomson, E & E Accounting; Joseph McCue, Accounting; and Joseph Doherty, Housekeeping.

Memorial Day

John A. Logan, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, could not have foreseen the years ahead when he issued a general order in 1868 designating May 30 as a day of remembrance. He set that day aside for the purpose of decorating the graves of those "who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion" and ". . . with the hope that it will be kept up from year to year."

Less than a century has passed since these words were issued. Much blood had been shed during the Civil War, but many, many more lives have since been lost in two World Wars and in the Korean War.

With the end of each conflict we—and the other free countries of the world — hoped and prayed that we would never again become involved in war. But, as we have seen, it was not possible.

Thus we continue to decorate the increasing number of graves of those who gave their lives so that we might be free.

Hostess Service

Recently added to the sixteen major services of the M.G.H. volunteers was the Hostess Service in Baker Memorial.

The program was initiated with the intention of providing relatives of patients with a cup of tea or coffee while they are waiting to see the doctor or patient.

Organization Of Softball League

The M.G.H. Softball League is in the process of organization as the various departments are forming teams.

It is expected that practice will begin in about two weeks pending a request for a permit to use the Charlesbank Play Area.

Although the teams are limited to the men, the girls may help by joining the cheerleaders.

Anyone interested in playing, cheering, or acting as umpire may sign up in the Personnel Department.

Telecast Provides Unique Coffee Session

More people than ever are drinking coffee! At least there were on May 20 when employees were provided with the opportunity to observe a telecast of the grand rounds at M.G.H. while having coffee in the East Pay Cafeteria.

The telecast highlighted the 173rd annual meeting of the Massachusetts Medical Society held at the Hotel Statler May 18 to 20. The television program covering the medical and surgical rounds at the hospital originated in the Ether Dome and was transmitted to the Statler over a closed circuit.

One of the patients who was presented to the doctors as a case study was Miss Margaret Grasso, ward helper in Baker.

Talent Of Many Seen In "The Yeomen Of The Guard"

The M.G.H. Operetta Company's production of Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Yeomen of the Guard" on April 21, 22 and 23 displayed the talent of many employees and friends of the hospital.

Spectators thoroughly enjoyed the interpretation of the roles of Colonel Fairfax (John Ragan, M.D.), Jack Point (Richard Rogers), Sergeant Meryll (Earle Edgerton), Wilfred (Peter Terry), Dame Carruthers (Dusty Gould) and the Lieutenant (James Lyons). The fine voices of Elsie (Marie Cummings) and Phoebe (Charlotte Furbish) added greatly to the performance.

The scenery, created by Eleanor and James Lyons, provided the cast with a very realistic background.

Miss Margot Warner directed the company for the fifth consecutive year.

In Sympathy

We are sorry to hear of the death of two members of our medical staff — Dr. Armin Klein on April 3 and Dr. Ira T. Nathanson on May 3.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM "THE YEOMEN OF THE GUARD"

Above, left: Colonel Fairfax and Sergeant Meryll.

Above, right: The song of "The Merryman and his Maid" by Point and Elsie.

Above: Wilfred wooing Phoebe.

Right: Dame Carruthers, Kate and chorus.

Below: Finale.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE ELECTRIC SHOP

Discussing one of the many electrical problems are Mr. Donald Carpenter, assistant chief electrician and Mr. Albert Wait, chief electrician.

Individuals throughout the hospital use electric lights, electric typewriters and calculating machines, operating room lights. toasters, radios, buffing machines, laundry equipment and many other things which require electricity, with little thought to the time spent in servicing the equipment and the amount of money spent in paying for the electriciy.

Cost Appears Fantastic to Layman

Compared to the average electric bill of a home, the bills of the hospital appear fantastic. For example, the cost per month for electricity is between ten and eleven thousand dollars. This total does not include the residences off the main grounds—nor does it include Storrow House, the convalescent unit in Lincoln.

It seems that the greatest consumption of electricity occurs between the hours of 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. It is no wonder that employees are urged to keep lights turned off in rooms which are not in use.

Great Variety of Work

The great variety of work done by our Electric Shop places it in a unique category, not at all comparable to an average private shop, or even a large shop of an industrial organization. The reason for this is quite simple: the things which must be serviced range from small plugs to mammoth-size industrial electronic controls.

Hundreds of Motors

Among the equipment maintained by the Electric Shop are hundreds of motors which range in horse power from less than one to one hundred and fifty. Miles of conduit must be kept in good condition. Laundry equipment, electronic controls and other apparatus must be kept in running order.

About eighty television sets must be serviced by the men in the shop, and also radios which add up to many times that number.

Toasters, fans, lamps, irons and other household appliances are constantly being repaired. These, for the most part, are not found in a large industrial electric shop.

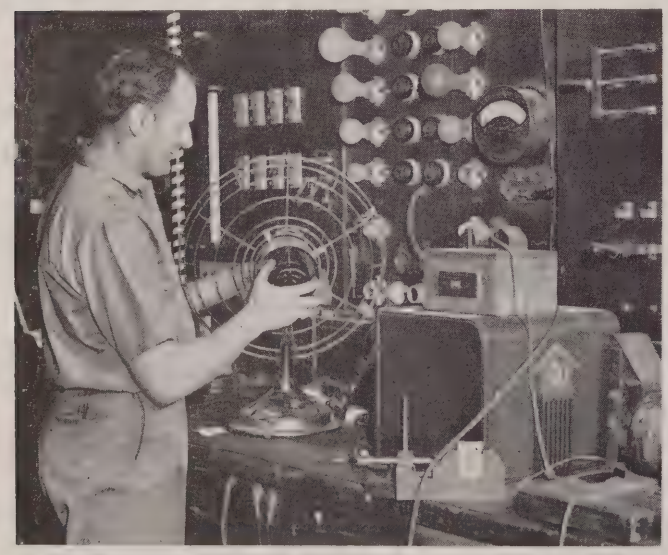
Electricians Are Versatile

As a result of the many different types of work carried on by the shop, versatility is an essential trait of the electricians. Although many of the seventeen men in the department are specialists, they are capable of assuming any of the positions of their co-workers. This is necessary for emergencies.

Many Calls Each Day

Aside from the numerous requisitions on the schedule for each day, the great number of telephone calls from various departments reporting emergencies must be answered, and repairs made.

A person assigned to answer telephone calls records the time and na-



Malcolm McLean getting ready to "troubleshoot" one of the many motors sent for repair.

Kenneth D'Entremont records jobs requested and time of each call.

ture of each call. From his record of the whereabouts of the electricians, he is able to call a person who is making routine repairs and assign him to the emergency.

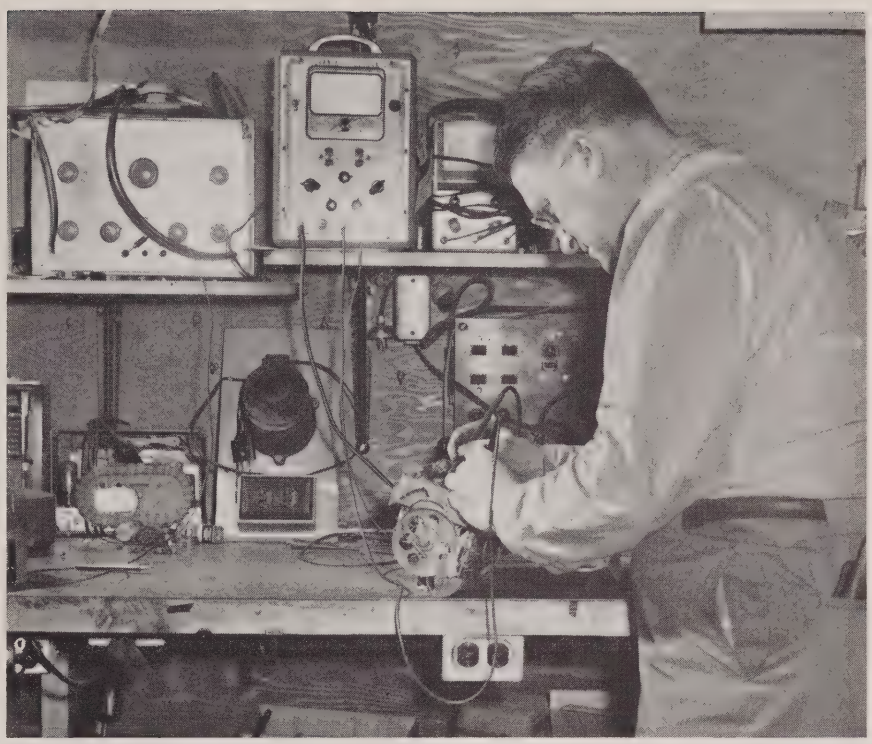
It is interesting to note that the number of telephone calls increases on dark days.

Training Programs

After World War II, the Electric Shop assumed the responsibility, under the direction of Mr. Albert Wait, Chief Electrician, of training electricians in a program provided by the Veterans' Administration. The standards, set by the Massachusetts Department of Education, require a licensed electrician to have two years of training. Monthly reports must be submitted to the V.A.

Since 1947 we have had two full time trainees here at all times.

In addition to the full time students, boys from the Charlestown High School are able to get their training here. During their junior year two or three boys spend alternate weeks in the shop and learn to apply the theory they have been taught at school. In the senior year, however, only one may remain if there is a position available, at which time he is on full time schedule.



All radio and television sets in the hospital are serviced here. Clarence Golder checks a radio.

Round Table Elects Miss Yevic

Miss Catherine Yevic, Assistant Personnel Director, was elected president of the Hospital Personnel Directors' Round Table.

The group is made up of representatives from hospitals in the Greater Boston area.

Dr. Bauer On Television

Dr. Walter Bauer, Chief of Medical Services, reviewed the present status of the treatment of arthritis and rheumatism for a coast-to-coast television audience on April 29.

The program was the second of a series entitled "The March of Medicine." The programs are designed for the lay public and dedicated to creating better understanding of major health problems.

Dr. Bauer highlighted important aspects of arthritic and rheumatic research which are carried on today by the medical profession.

Work Simplification in Action

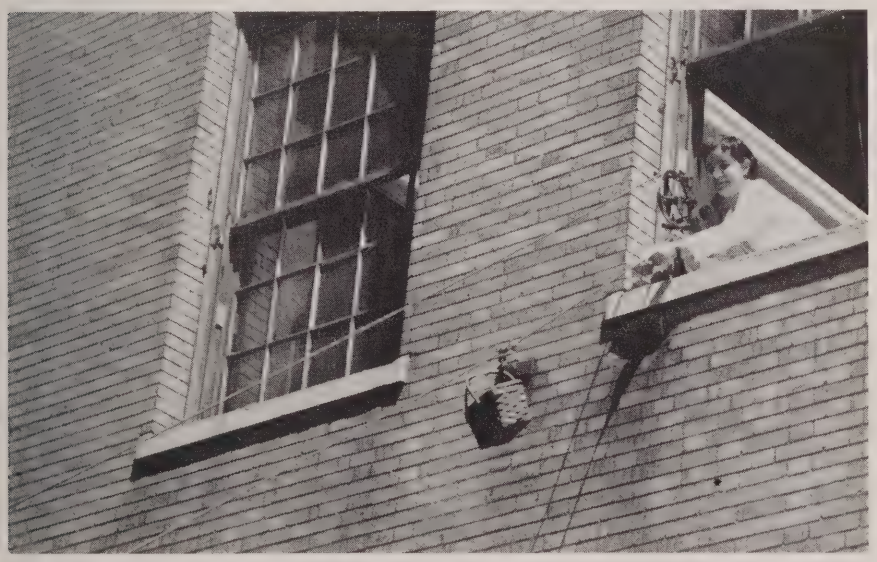
The Dietary and Chemistry Departments have demonstrated work simplification in two separate situations.

Prior to December of 1953 the Dietary Department usually purchased seventy-five boxes of tomatoes a week. Each of these ten-pound flats cost $2.00. All tomatoes were sliced by hand.

After the matter was investigated it was discovered that time and money would be saved if the procedure were mechanized. A reconditioned food slicer was put to use—resulting in uniformly sliced tomatoes, a reduction of waste and a saving of money. The weekly consumption of tomatoes is now forty boxes at two dollars per flat—an average weekly saving of $70.

The Chemistry Laboratory on Lomestic 3 constantly sends specimens to the Baker Laboratory on the second floor of the Baker Memorial. An individual in the Chem Lab was responsible for getting specimens to the Baker Lab. If an emergency arose, a special trip was necessary.

The walking from one building to another has been eliminated by ingenious use of familiar equipment: rope, pulleys and a basket. All one has to do in order to get the specimens from one lab to another is to raise the window, insert the containers into the basket, and move the rope until the basket reaches the other building—a distance of about forty-five feet.



Work Simplification at Work. Miss Helen Filios of the Chemistry Laboratory sends the basket on its trial run to the Baker Lab.

WORK SIMPLIFICATION IS WORKING SMARTER, NOT HARDER

All of us attempt to take the quickest and easiest way—when doing dishes, when lighting a cigarette with a lighter, when using carbon paper to make copies, or when taking a short cut home. We do the things which we call work in the fastest way we know so that we may have more time—and energy—left to do those things which we do not classify as work.

But how do we go about simplifying a job which has always been done in a certain manner? How do we begin? What part of the job should be simplified?

The foundation of the answer to these questions lies in the following Five-Step Pattern.

I. Pick a Job to Improve

In attempting to pick a job which needs simplification, one should select an activity in which improvement will make considerable difference, although the improvement itself may be quite simple. In order to decide what job should be improved, one should ask the following questions: (1) Does it take a lot of time? (2) Is it done frequently? (3) Is it a bottleneck holding up other operations? (4) Is there a safety hazard? (5) Is it expensive? (6) Is waste involved? (7) Does it require a lot of chasing around for supplies and preparation?

We are creatures of habit. Many times we do things because it is a habit or a custom. This may be a disadvantage because it is so easy to overlook; we have the same bad situation day after day.

At any rate, we expect work to be difficult because it is work. The whole purpose of work simplification is to take the unnecessary effort and waste out of work so that we can have time and opportunity to make our jobs more interesting and, we hope, profitable in new directions.

II. Step by Step Breakdown of Job

Before you can improve a method you must know exactly what the method is. Oddly enough, we are seldom completely and accurately aware of all the steps. In order to be sure of all the steps involved in a job, you must observe each step and jot it down as it is performed.

Most jobs consist of: (1) make-ready, (2) do operations and (3) put-away. For instance, in painting a chair there is "make-ready" (getting the brush, opening the paint, mixing it, spreading the newspapers, etc.) "Do" is the actual painting. "Put-away" is closing the can, cleaning the brush, putting them back, picking up the newspapers, etc. Only the do operation, the actual painting, accomplishes anything.

III. Challenge Every Detail

Each step listed in the above should be questioned. (1) Is this step necessary? (2) Must it be done this way? (3) Must it be done at this point? (4) Could the order of operations be rearranged to make the job easier? (5) Could this step be combined with another step? (6) Could someone else handle this particular step in the task more effectively? (7) Would a gadget or special tool or a different material eliminate or improve this part of the job?

As you question and crisscross steps into new combinations you will begin to have all sorts of unexpected ideas for improvements. Jot them down.

With the facts from the above two steps before you, you are able to answer the "why" of each step. You now have a direct and systematic attack on the problem.

IV. Develop a New Way

As you proceed with your questioning in the preceding steps, alternative ideas keep occurring to you. Now is the time to select and arrange a series of steps that make up a better and easier way to do the job.

Improvements can sometimes be made by rearranging the work area. Other times ingenious use of equipment already at hand will provide a new way of doing the job. Some improvements require new equipment. A warning about the introduction of equipment: **it may be a substitute for hard and practical thinking about the fundamental problem involved.**

The new method you develop should be novel (creative) and practical (critical). First let your ideas run wild on all sorts of possibilities. Then criticize. Remember that creative thinking suggests new possibilities and critical thinking passes judgment upon ideas.

V. Decision on New Method

If your new method is really good it should be easy to sell to your supervisor—if you present it in such a way that he can understand it and weigh its merits. The organized approach which you have used will provide him with the facts he will need in making his decision. Show him the old method, the criticism of that method and your new method. An estimated time and money savings will help, also.

You can use this five-step approach either by yourself or in cooperation with associates who share your interest in finding a better way of doing a particular job. As you discuss various steps with your fellow workers, you will be surprised with the many ideas which will occur to you.

Training Department's First Graduates

Joseph Doherty and Warren Rich of the Housekeeping Department have completed a ten hour course entitled "Techniques of Supervision," it was announced recently by Mrs. Dorothy Farnham, Training Director.

This program, the first to be presented by the new Training Department, was planned to meet the particular needs of foremen in Housekeeping. Some of the areas examined included the induction and orientation of the new employee, job planning, work supervision and fundamentals of human relationships.

From time to time, similar courses will be made available to new supervisory personnel as well as to those desiring refresher training within the hospital organization.

WEST END

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den for extra expenses for fire protection and the like which are associated with substandard areas.

It is the intention of the Urban Redevelopment Division to benefit all the people of Boston through this undertaking.

Effect on Present Residents

The individuals now living in the area will be rehoused in adequate, low-rent public housing projects run by the Housing Authority. Thus every person, regardless of race, color or creed, will be relocated in suitable quarters.

Property owners will be paid a fair price when the Boston Housing Authority takes the buildings by eminent domain.

If the project is approved, it will be January, 1956, before relocation of families starts. It is estimated that it will take five years to complete the project.

Meanwhile, studies are being made in order to determine the definite project boundaries, prepare site plans and and cost estimates of project cost, and prepare plans for the acquisition, management and demolition of the property and for the preparation of the site redevelopment.

THE M. G. H. – A TRADITION

The evolution of the M.G.H. School of Nursing uniform.

(Continued from April issue)

At no time in its history was the Massachusetts General Hospital without private rooms for patients. However, fees from these patients, when they were charged, were retained by the hospital and not given to the individual physicians.

At the turn of the century there were very few private hospitals. Individuals whose incomes were above the average were cared for in their homes.

Surgery in Homes

Surgery, in these cases, was done in the home. The kitchen table or ironing board set on boxes served as the operating table. Despite the fact that the surgeon carried sterile cloths and towels, he had to boil some of his instruments in the respective homes in whatever kind of container was available.

In addition to this, these patients did not have the other advantages offered to patients who entered a hospital.

New Need Cited

In the hospital report of 1910, the Resident Physician said:

"A private hospital built in close connection with the General Hospital is much to be desired. From the point of view of the community, this is needed because there is now in Boston no place where people of moderate means and the well-to-do can go to a hospital and pay their doctor and get all the advantages which they could have in a hospital connected with such an institution as ours. We have here the high traditions of a hundred years, well equipped laboratories and their accrued knowledge and recognized standing, the X-ray, Electrical, Hydrotherapeutic and Medico-Mechanical Departments with their skilled and experienced operators. From the point of view of the Hospital, a private hospital would be of value in the training of our nurses, in furnishing us a revenue to help support the charity wards, and in bringing to our doors people of means, who, we would hope, would become interested in the work done by the institution."

Phillips House

Thus evolved the Phillips House, named in honor of William Phillips, formerly Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts, and his father of the same name who was the first citizen of Boston to bequeath a considerable sum to the hospital.

It is interesting to note that the first patient admitted to the Phillips House on May 17, 1917, was Dr. J. Collins Warren, the grandson of Dr. John C. Warren, who with Dr. Jackson was one of the founders of the M.G.H.

Participation in World War

The M.G.H. was one of the first hospitals to begin preparations for war before the United States entered World War I. Base Hospital Number 6 was organized and ready when the call came in April of 1917.

Under the command of Major (later Colonel) Frederic A. Washburn, on leave from his M.G.H. directorship, the unit left on June 9, 1917, for Talence, a suburb of Bordeaux in France. There they established a hospital of over 4,000 beds. The nucleus of this had been a small boys' school.

The staff, which consisted of 28 medical officers, 64 nurses, a chaplain, 6 secretaries, a dietitian and 153 men, remained in France until the fall of 1918. At this time it was necessary for them to return home since the war had ended and patients were being evacuated as rapidly as possible.

Baker Memorial

The bequest of a million dollars by Mrs. Mary Rich Richardson in memory of her parents and the additional amount raised by public appeal, met the costs of construction of the Baker Memorial. It was opened in part on February 27, 1930. The eventual capacity was 330 beds.

This building filled a definite need in accommodating patients of moderate means who could not be admitted to the charity wards because they were able to pay something to the physician. On the other hand, they were unable to pay the full charges of hospital, doctors and nurses in the private wing, the Phillips House.

This middle rate plan of the Baker Memorial was a successful contribution in solving the problem of giving first-rate diagnosis, care and treatment to people of moderate means in time of sickness at a price they can afford to pay.

Training School

". . . A man may have a lodging; but it is deficient in all those advantages which are requisite to the sick. . . . Above all, he suffers from the want of that first requisite in sickness, a kind and skilful nurse. . . ." This emphasis was put upon the value of good nursing as far back as 1810 when the first letter was sent to the general public in an appeal for funds.

It was not until 1873 that the Boston Training School for Nurses, an independent organization, established the education of nurses at the M.G.H. In 1896 the hospital took over the school with such funds as it had, and the Boston Training School went out of existence.

Since 1901 the course has been three years in length. Of course, changes in medicine have brought about many changes in nursing techniques since that time. Many graduates of the M.G.H Nursing School have gone to various parts of the world.

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ABOUT FOLKS

Laboratories

Wedding bells will be ringing in June for **Miss Joan Pettit** and **Miss Rachael Barrett** of the Bacteriology Lab.

Miss Joan Wareham of Dr. McDermott's Lab is taking a trip to Europe in August.

The Chemistry Lab is happy to welcome **Miss Inga Mensen.** Inga is here from Copenhagen, Denmark.

Miss Evelyn Carroll of Dr. Albright's Lab made an outstanding appearance in the "Ice Chips of 1954."

Jeanne Russell

News From General Nursing

Mrs. Olive Hawkins, R.N., supervisor of hospital aides and ward helpers, has announced her engagement to Mr. Ralph Hatch of Winchester.

Hugh Heney of the General Appliance Room has just returned from a vacation in New York. Among the places he visited were the United Nations and the Cloisters.

Hugh Heney

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Miss Anna Crotty, Baker supervisor, sailed on May 5 for a vacation in Sweden and Denmark.

Sarah Rowley

Social Service

On May 29, **Miss Mary Kearney,** supervisor, will sail to Europe for her vacation. She plans to travel in France, Italy, Switzerland, England and Ireland.

For her vacation, **Miss Isobel V. Duguid** went to Bermuda. During Miss Duguid's absence, **Miss Helen J. Almy** returned to the department for a short time. Miss Almy was formerly with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, and has been Director of the Social Service Department of the Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Miss Margery Crothers has been away from the department for some time because of illness. She is convalescing at her home in Cambridge.

Phoebe Cover

Accounting

Harold Emrich, the assistant comptroller, has taken a temporary leave of absence from the hospital to work with the joint rate committee of Blue Cross and the Massachusetts Hospital Association.

There's a new Moon in Wollaston. **Roy Moon** of Patients' Accounts proudly announces the birth of his third boy.

Larry Martin is currently touring Florida with his family.

Peg Porter of Payroll was recently awarded an expense paid trip to be taken some time this summer at Sandy Island. The award was for first place in the ladies singles tennis tournament sponsored by the Revere Lawn Tennis Association.

Joseph McCue

Eye And Ear Infirmary

On National Hospital Day, Wednesday, May 12, the Infirmary began its program with a moving picture, "The Two Year Old Goes to the Hospital," shown to members of the Ladies Visiting Committee and hospital personnel. The event of the afternoon was the annual Volunteers' Tea, at which 100-hour pins were awarded. The Infirmary also chose Hospital Day for the awarding of service pins to hospital personnel and this year, for the first time, to members of the medical staff who have served for 25 consecutive years.

Volunteers who received their 100-hour pins included **Mrs. Charles Cogan, Miss Joan Eardley, Miss Margaret Higgins, Miss Margaret Lanigan, Miss Valeria Pirro, Mrs. Henri Prunaret, Miss Ida M. Saxton, Miss Judy Sloane, Mrs. Rose Spivack** and **Miss Mary Sullivan.**

Members of the hospital personnel also received pins—among them were **Mrs. Belle Roberts, Miss Mary Trowbridge** and **Miss Anita Mangiaracine** who received 20-year pins, and **Miss Annie Campbell, Mrs. Margaret MacKillop, Mrs. Anna Sardina, Miss Madeline Shipsey** and **Mr. Antonio Mersicano** received 10-year pins.

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The Nursing Department reports the departure of **Miss Janet Stocks,** teaching supervisor, who is leaving the Infirmary to be married. Department members presented Miss Stocks with a silver tray at a tea in her honor on April 28.

At the same time, the Infirmary welcomes to its nursing staff **Miss Leonie Roenen,** who has arrived from Belgium on the exchange visitors' program. Miss Roenen will observe in the department for two months.

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During the month of April, **Mrs. Gail-Marie Shearer** replaced **Miss Dorothy Spivey** in the ear clinic's Social Service Department. Miss Spivey had been recuperating from a recent illness.

H. Jean MacDuffie

Dietary Tidbits

Visits from former members of our department who are now in the Armed Forces are always a matter of interest so we thought you might be interested to know that we had visits from **Jackie Fraser** and **Charles Vangel** awhile ago. Jackie, who used to be in our Bake Shop, is in Uncle Sam's Air Force and is stationed in Texas. Charlie, who was a chef's helper in White Kitchen, is back from Europe and out of the Army now.

Alex Michaels, who was also a chef's helper in White Kitchen before he went into the Air Force, has been in Japan, but his tour of duty is about up and we expect and hope that he will pay us a visit when he is home.

Mrs. Adelaide Haskell has decided to limit her services to "On Call" duty.

Did you know that: **Joseph Blanchard,** storeman; **John Butler,** vegetable cook; **George Duemmling,** head baker; **Mrs. Frances Harvey,** food supervisor; **Mrs. Olive Kelly,** department secretary; **Mrs. Florence MacKinnon,** cashier; **Anthony Martinez,** chef; **Douglas Peay,** head butcher; and **Mrs. Estelle Reycroft,** food supervisor attended the Work Simplification classes that have just come to an end after a course of several weeks?

Kenneth Weyand of our Dish Room had one of his landscapes in oils exhibited in the recent Jordan Marsh showing. We hope that the judges will choose it for an award.

James Adhams of White Kitchen Pot Room retired recently. Jim completed twelve years of service with M.G.H. in March.

Our sympathy to **Henry Frankenberger** whose grandson was a schoolboy victim of recent school room tragedy.

Our sympathy also to **Marion Gilligan** of East Cafeteria at the loss of her mother.

Helen Marshall of East Cafeteria underwent surgery a few weeks ago but is able to be at home now. We hope that she will make a full recovery rapidly and be back with us soon.

Frances Harvey

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Congratulations to **Miss Jean Quinlan,** floor server in General for the beautiful diamond ring presented to her by Merle Taylor of the U. S. Navy.

Personnel

Mrs. Diane Galvin has recently joined the department as office assistant.

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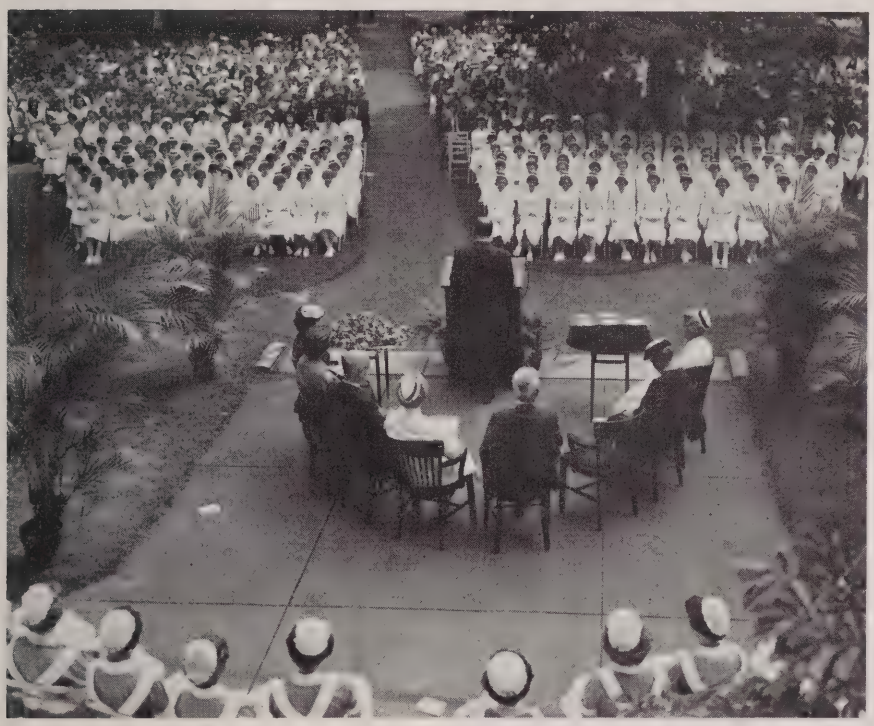
GRADUATION SUCCESS IN SPITE OF WEATHER



The School of Nursing commencement exercises on the Bulfinch Lawn, June 4.

The 114 student nurses who graduated from the diploma and degree programs of the School of Nursing at the commencement exercises on June 4 sighed with relief as the afternoon came to an end — the weather had held out.

Graduation day was a confusing day for the entire hospital as a result of the typically changing New England weather. Rain and threatening clouds favored an indoor commencement, so chairs, piano, platforms, plants, and amplification system were set up in the Moseley Rotunda after a decision was reached at 10:00 a.m. Plans were changed, however, when the sun broke through the clouds at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Chairs, piano, etc., were transferred to the Bulfinch Lawn in a matter of minutes by the housekeeping and maintenance teams. Early visitors, needless to say, were more than slightly puzzled.

The program began at 3:00 p.m. as scheduled when Mr. Francis C. Gray, chairman of the Board of Trustees, made his opening remarks. He presided at the ceremonies and awarded the diplomas.

Dr. Alfred L. Frechette, Director of the Health, Hospitals and Medical Care Division of the United Community Services, delivered the commencement address.

Following the exercises, a reception on the Bulfinch Lawn was given for the graduates, their families and friends.

Lost And Found

Lost and found articles should be turned in and claimed at the Information Desk in the White Lobby.

M.G.H. FOLKS AND MOVIE PEOPLE AMAZE EACH OTHER

Scenes Filmed for Forthcoming Picture

If hospital employees and staff members had a stereotype of movie people, or vice versa, attitudes were changed when Universal Pictures Inc. arrived at M.G.H. on June 3 to film scenes for their forthcoming production, "Five Bridges to Cross."

Preparations which preceded the arrival of the 100-man crew were great, but the cooperation demonstrated by members of the hospital team during the company's stay here was unequaled. In addition to administrative arrangements, physical changes were executed by the maintenance and housekeeping departments. Although the Universal people provided their own generators for the required amount of electricity, it was necessary for our electricians to stand by. A room not ordinarily used for patients was set up on the ninth floor of Phillips House so as not to interfere with the activity on the floors.

Patients Unaware of Activity

For the most part, patients were unaware of the activity which took place in the building. The confusion of wires, huge lights, cameras, and the interaction of the many individuals involved failed to disturb the traditional serenity of Phillips House.

Starring in the picture are Tony Curtis, Julie Adams, and George Nader. The film, expected to be released in the fall, is based on a story written by Joe Dineen of "The Boston Globe." More than half the movie was taken in Boston.

Staff Members in Scenes

Members of our nursing staff who appeared in scenes which were shot here are Mrs. Constance Braman, Assistant Director of Nursing Service; Miss Alice Cochrane, head nurse; Miss

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Remember With Photographs

Once again it's vacation time, and we of The World staff find ourselves looking forward to our vacations as much of our readers are to theirs.

We heard of some unusual experiences last year, and we hope that we will hear about your vacations this year.

Although some have already taken their vacations, there are others who are still awaiting theirs. Many will visit historical shrines throughout the country. Some individuals will travel in foreign countries; taste exotic dishes and observe strange customs.

Of course there are those who will prefer to remain in New England—resting in a quiet retreat, camping outdoors, climbing mountains, or just basking in the sun. The artist will find refuge in his landscape while the fisherman relaxes with rod and reel.

Why not try to capture the feeling of your vacation with a photograph? We'd like to share it with you by printing the picture in The World. If you want to take us up on it, please be sure to submit the photograph to the Editor, The World, Personnel Department, not later than August 25.

Miss Sleeper Honored By Hood

Miss Ruth Sleeper, Director of the School of Nursing and Nursing Service, was honored at the commencement exercises of Hood College in Frederick, Maryland, on June 5 when she was presented with the degree of Doctor of Science.

Dispatch To Move During Summer

Dispatch Service will move from its present location in the Moseley Building to the Brick Corridor during the middle of August, it was announced recently by Mr. Leon Katzer, department head.

The new centralized quarters will save the messengers many steps and minutes. Along with the change in location, a new telephone system will facilitate the process of answering calls from the floors and from the messengers who are calling from various points in order to get further instructions.

Existing tube systems in the White Building and in the Vincent-Burnham Building will lead directly to the new dispatch center in the Brick Corridor instead of to the White front desk as they do now. This will save the time of hospital personnel on the floors notifying Dispatch by phone to pick up errands being sent by tube via the information desk and will save messenger time by eliminating the pick-ups at the information desk. The decreased number of calls as a result of this change will leave telephone lines more readily available for other calls.

Further information will be available at a later date.

MOVIES

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Janet Durno, student; Miss Miriam Huggard, supervisor; Miss Eleanor Pitman, head nurse; Miss Barbara Maxwell, special nurse; and Miss Gloria Reuter, staff nurse. Resident doctors who took part in the scenes are Charles Barrett, Douglas Collins, Steve Crane, and Joseph Petranek. Dr. Roger Wilcox, also of our resident staff, was assigned medical technical advisor and has been on location with the company.

The Universal folks gained the admiration of our nurses and doctors. The large team worked hard, patiently, and many times under difficult circumstances.

Members of the hospital family who were instrumental in helping the company appreciated the cooperation displayed by the employees of the hospital in carrying on their routine activities and observing the movie-making procedure only upon invitation.

Dr. Lezer To Assume New Position

Dr. Leon R. Lezer, Assistant Director since July, 1950, has accepted a position at the University of Vermont in Burlington.

Dr. Lezer's capacity will be that of Assistant Professor of Preventive Medicine and Director of Health Studies.

Accidents don't take vacations! Remember this when you are on your vacation.

THE M. G. H. — A TRADITION

An aerial view of the M.G.H. of today.

(continued from May World)

The problems which the Massachusetts General Hospital had confronted in its history had been many. Up to the time the Baker Memorial was opened in 1930, the hospital had survived many crises. One of the greatest of these was war.

The War of 1812 had delayed the establishment of the institution. During the Civil War, our staff aided in the care of the wounded. Staff members and facilities were also used in the Spanish-American War. The establishment of a base hospital in France during the first world war was a great contribution of the hospital to the war effort.

The additional problems of inadequate space, outmoded equipment as a result of rapid medical advances, and sufficient financial aid to cover the expenses of research and the cost of hundreds of charity patients, contributed to the growing pains of the organization. In spite of the many complications, the hospital continued to grow.

The east wing of the Bulfinch building, having been reconstructed and made fireproof in 1926, increased the bed capacity of the hospital by fifty beds.

The connecting building between the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary had been completed and occupied in 1928 and "warranted the very considerable expense at which it had been accomplished." The circuitous route betwen the two buildings was eliminated, much to the advantage of patients and physicians.

The M.G.H. had by this time attained the stature of a large medical center. The reputation of its staff attracted patients and doctors from all parts of the United States and from foreign countries.

Economic Depression

The economic depression through which our country passed affected the M.G.H. as much as it did any other hospital or business. During 1931, the most rigid economy, of necessity, had to be observed. The situation had taken a toll from the well-to-do. As a result, the number of Phillips House patients had decreased considerably. Those who had been able to afford Phillips House before the crash found the Baker Memorial more reasonable financially. "In spite of the hard times the high quality of service has been in every way maintained," it was reported by the executive director of the hospital in the annual report of that year.

More Land Acquired

The City of Boston during the year 1931 sold to the hospital the major part of the city yards at the southwest corner of Grove and Fruit Street and extending along Grove Street toward Cambridge Street. The land on which the county jail and morgue were situated remained in the possession of the city. It was hoped that by another summer the large number of horses stabled here would be removed and "the hopsital freed from the odors and the pest of flies bred in their stables."

The acquisition of this land had been a project of the hospital for more than twenty years.

Great Number of Out Patients

The year 1932 continued with rigid economic rules as a result of the depression. Salary cuts were made.

Nevertheless, the number of out patients increased to an average of 1024 patients per day. There were 25,000 more visits than in 1931.

It was not until 1936 that a "restoration of fifty per cent of salary and wage reductions, necessitated by the economic condition in 1932, was made, an act greatly appreciated by all employees."

Marked Increase in Size

The total number of beds had increased from 292 beds in 1906 to 767 beds in 1936. Naturally, there were more employees, house officers and nurses. The size of our institution had in twenty years tripled itself.

However, the cost of care during this period had increased fourfold. The tremendous changes in medical practice and the complexities of modern diagnostic treatment were not comparable to the cost of medical care of 1906.

George Robert White Memorial

In 1930, by the will of Mrs. Harriet J. Bradbury, the George Robert White Fund was established. Not more than $2,500,000 of this fund was to be used for the erection of a building for the care of the sick, the balance to be held as a permanent fund, the income only to be used for the maintenance and equipment of the said building. Action on the White Building was postponed until 1936.

This building is an example of a contribution by an individual whose donation for construction purposes was sufficient to defray part of the cost of the building. The other two instances when this had occurred had resulted in memorial buildings for William O. Moseley and for Richard J. and Ellen M. Baker. Usually funds for construction were accumulated from gifts of several benefactors, and the buildings named for individuals who had given outstanding personal service to the hospital. The Bulfinch Building, Phillips House, and Thayer, Walcott and Bartlett residences for nurses, are among these.

The White Building, formally dedicated on Ether Day (October 16), 1939, replaced the Bigelow Amphi-

theater, the Surgical Building, the Gay ward, and Wards A and F which had been approximately in the center of the hospital grounds.

For the first time in the history of x-ray at M.G.H., quarters intended solely for that purpose were provided in the White Building. Centralization of the scattered wards was advantageous for patients and doctors alike. The surgical and dietary facilities, also under the same roof, were a far cry from their outmoded predecessors.

Two Hospitals Move to M.G.H.

Two small hospitals in 1941 left their own buildings to join M.G.H. in order to have easier access to the laboratories and service departments of a large institution.

One of these was the Vincent Memorial Hospital. Since 1890 this twenty-four bed hospital had been in operation as a charitable organization, supported in part by endowments and in part by contributions from the Vincent Club. As soon as peace-time conditions permitted, the beds which had temporarily occupied space in the White Building were moved to three floors of what is now Vincent Burnham. Today it is still a separate corporation with an excellent gynecological service.

The Collis P. Huntington Memorial Hospital of twenty-five beds had been built in 1911 on Huntington Avenue as a part of Harvard University. The cancer research activities were transferred to the M.G.H. premises in order to combine with the latter's Tumor Clinic and to continue research with the funds of the Harvard Cancer Commission. The Tumor Clinic was therefore strengthened by the accession of more well trained surgeons specifically interested in cancer. An increased number of patients afforded the staffs the opportunity to study a wider variety of cases. The application of radiation therapy was facilitated by the availability of the commission's radium and the M.G.H.'s one million volt x-ray machine.

Convalescent Unit

There are over 2,500 salaried employees in addition to the 330 physicians and 400 student nurses who receive nominal salaries, or no salaries at all.

Thus the M.G.H. has been developing for over one hundred and thirty years, fulfilling a definite need to the community and to the world. Patients from all parts of the globe come here for diagnosis, treatment and surgery.

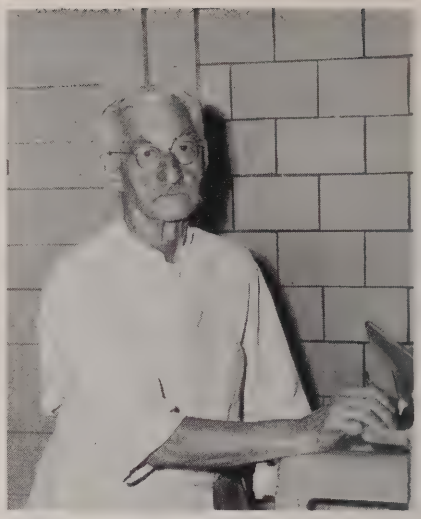
We are proud of our heritage, confident of our present, and we challenge the future.

The will of Mrs. James J. Storrow bequested her former residence in Lincoln to the hospital. Since 1946 the convalescent home, which has accommodations for about thirty ambulatory patients, has provided hundreds of individuals with a period of rest following their hospitalization.

The M.G.H. Today

Our institution now has over 900 beds, and cares for about 600 out patients each day.

Convalescent patients receive wholesome meals in the home-like atmosphere of Storrow House.



Mr. Henry Frankenberger of the White Kitchen.

Bad Swimming Weather? Can't Convince Former Brownie

Mr. Henry Frankenberger of the White Kitchen finds it difficult to understand why more people have not been swimming long before the end of June.

It's no wonder, for about forty years ago Mr. Frankenberger joined the L Street Brownies — the group of men who swim at City Point throughout the year, regardless of weather. For five consecutive years Mr. Frankenberger did not miss a day. The lowest temperature in which this veteran swimmer took a dip was two degrees below zero. One time he and the other hearty souls had to cut the ice with axes before they could go into the water. The water temperature was then twenty-eight degrees Fahrenheit!

A resident of South Boston, Mr. Frankenberger found swimming an invigorating sport. However, it left him with little time for other things. He devotes much time to his five grandchildren, the family of his only son.

Born in Bavaria, Germany, Mr. Frankenberger has been in this country since he was twenty years old. For thirty-two years before he came to M.G.H. in 1945 he had his own bakery in South Boston.

Now eighty-two years of age, Mr. Frankenberger attributes his good health to the rugged training with the Brownies. He admits he has slowed down, but nevertheless continues to swim quite regularly between May and September.

Look for THE WORLD in the fall.

Work Simplification Certificates Awarded

Certificates were awarded on June 16 to approximately seventy individuals who had completed one of the four eighteen-hour work simplification courses conducted at M.G.H. during the year. The graduation was marked with a buffet supper in the East Cafeteria.

Mr. Edmund Mattos, Assistant Director and instructor of the classes at the hospital, introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Harold Dunlap, director of work simplification at H. P. Hood and Sons.

Mr. Dunlap spoke of his experience with the milk company's work simplification program, and emphasized the importance of periodic reviews of the principles involved. He showed how an individual failed to objectively analyze his job because of his familiarity with his own duties. Mr. Dunlap stated that once the workers understood the work simplification principles, they readily make suggestions as to how their jobs may be simplified.

Following the presentation of certificates by Dr. Ellsworth Neumann, Administrator, the group viewed films which had been taken in the Central Supply Room and in the Dietary Department.

Also shown to the group was an original film by Frank and Lillian Gilbreth, pioneers of time and motion studies.

Beauty Parlor Available To Employees

The services of Mrs. Louise Parrott, hairdresser of the M.G.H. Beauty Parlor, are available to female employees, but only after patient requests are fulfilled.

The charges for shampoo and set are $1.00 each, and a cut is $1.50.

The Beauty Parlor, located on the Baker Memorial roof, is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For an appointment, call extension 456.

Nursing Department

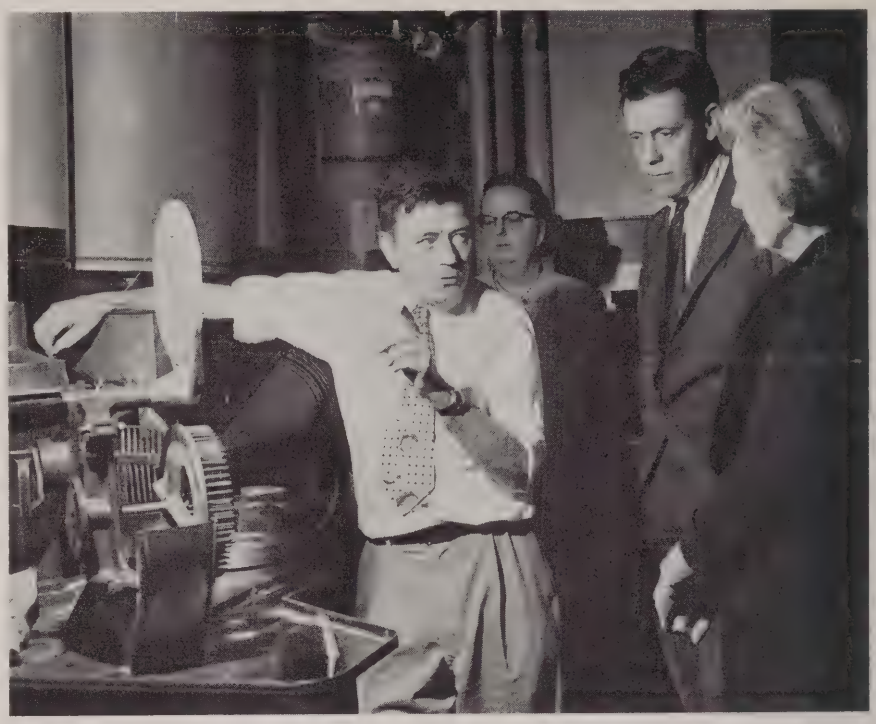
Mrs. Margaret S. Bullington, former evening nurse on White 11, is now assistant evening supervisor. She has replaced Mrs. Elizabeth Currie, who will leave for Canada with her husband.

Replacing Miss Rosamond Peloquin as evening supervisor in the Overnight Ward is Mrs. Sylvia Morris. Miss Peloquin has joined the staff of the School of Nursing as clinical instructor.

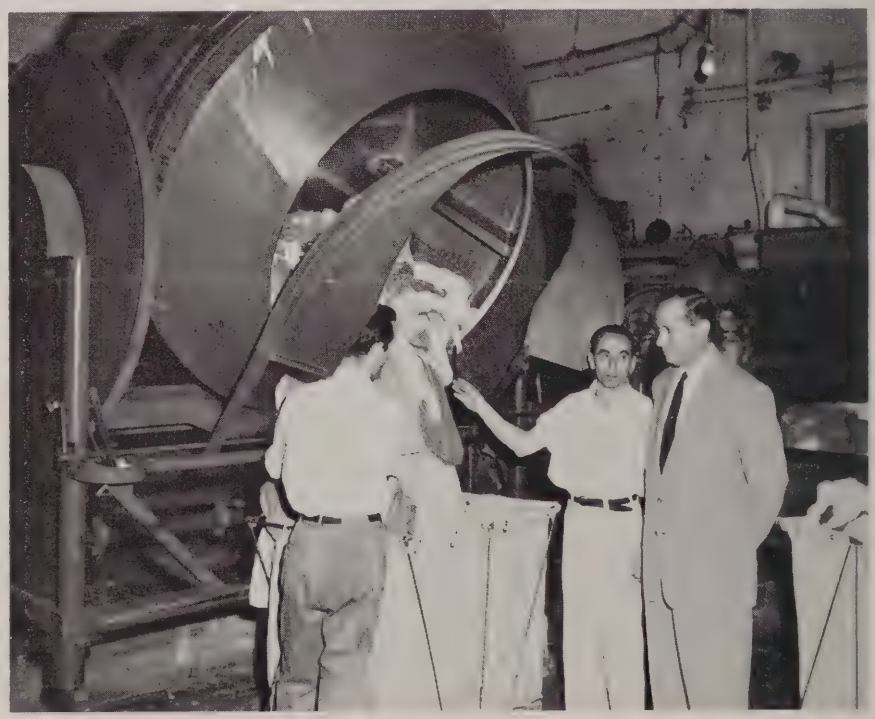
Tour For Work Simplification Group

A special tour of the hospital for those who had completed the work simplification course took place on May 27. The purpose of the tour was to provide individuals with a greater comprehension of the work done in different departments of the hospital.

Separate groups were conducted through the laundry, central supply room, surgery and pharmacy in the morning and afternoon.



Pharmacist Howard Loring explains to members of the work simplification group that as many as 48,000 capsules can be made each day in the machine shown above.



An overpowering sight included in the work simplification tour was the purkett tumbler in the laundry. Mr. James Mahoney (center), newly appointed laundry manager, shows Mr. Leon Katzer, dispatch head, how the drained clothes are loosened for folding and pressing. Removing the clothes is William Frazier.

ABOUT FOLKS

Record Room

Milda Garner was soloist at two musicales sponsored by St. Mary's (Cambridge) Women's Club recently. Milda, who is a contralto, has television as her ultimate goal.

Speaking of a goal, **Marcel Peloquin** has at last achieved his — a diploma from the Massachusetts College of Optometrists — after a four and a half years' interruption by Uncle Sam. Mr. Peloquin is head of the busy group who works among the files at night.

April S. Bacon, co-op student of Northeastern University, will attend the eleventh annual conference of the Race Relations Institute at Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee. Dignitaries and educators from many states will address the meetings and discussions will be held by representatives of all races.

Enid Squire

Dietary Tidbits

At the time of this writing **Helen Neagle** of Baker Kitchen and **William LaHait** are planning a July 3 wedding. Helen has been with us for over two years, and Bill was with us until recently. It seems that there will be a multitude of wishes for their happiness from their friends at M.G.H.

We just discovered that **Erwin Crichlow** of White Kitchen is a devoted bridge player. He belongs to the National Bridge Association which had an eastern tournament in New York City recently. He participated with very satisfactory results.

We have information that a well-known hobbyist of our — **Kenneth Weyand** of the Dish Room — had a painting included in the art exhibition of the Boston Arts Festival at the Boston Public Gardens.

Mrs. Frances Blackmer of the Food Store was guest of honor at a surprise shower prepared for her by her Dietary friends as an opportunity to wish her well for the expected new member of the Blackmer family.

Some happy news: **Mrs. Leila Gates** of White Diet Kitchen has a new granddaughter — also named Leila.

We're sorry that **Lottie Forni** of the Salad Room has resigned after eleven years of service. Lottie had to leave in order to help her daughter who is ill.

Frances Harvey

Social Service

Some members of the department are having European vacations this summer. At present **Miss Mary Kearney**, a supervisor, is in Italy. Flying to Europe on July 2 is **Miss Idah Salzman**, supervisor. Miss Salzman plans to spend nine weeks in England, France, Italy, Austria, Germany and Switzerland. She will tour certain parts of these countries by automobile with her friends.

Miss Nina Toomey has joined the department as a case aide to Mrs. Hazel Fritz on the Orthopedic Service. Miss Toomey was formerly Girls' Counselor at the New England Home for Little Wanderers.

Miss Josephine Barbour, Chief of Social Service, and **Miss Dorothy Kellog**, Head Medical Worker, attended the National Conference of Social Work in Atlantic City from May 10 to May 15.

Phoebe Cover

Accounting

Harold Emrich, assistant comptroller, was passing out cigars recently on the occasion of the arrival of his second son, Robin Richard.

Mrs. Helen Foote has left the payroll office in anticipation of a visit from the stork.

National Secretaries Day was observed by many of the hospital secretaries with a luncheon at Nino Biagi's. Present were **Evlynne MacMaster, Gert Devine, Mary Cair, Barbara Morrison, Ruth Gales, Sally Butera** and **Theresa Wyse.**

The department wishes to express its deepest sympathy to **Mrs. Lucy Burnap** of central cashiers on the recent death of her husband.

Joseph McCue

Baker Memorial

Miss Adele Corkum, Assistant Director of Nursing, received her B.S. in Nursing from Boston University.

We're sorry that **Betty Walker** of Baker 7 is on leave of absence with a bad knee.

Our best wishes to **Shirley Batts** upon her marriage.

We wish **Miss Anna Aliberti** a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Florence Dillon is leaving Baker 7 to raise a family.

Congratulations to **Mrs. Ruth Smith** upon the birth of her grandson.

Frances Hennessey

Eye And Ear Infirmary

Members of the Infirmary's Social Service Department recently attended the National Conference of Social Work, held in Atlantic City, New Jersey, during the week of May 9. Among the Infirmary's representatives present at the conference were **Miss Isabel Whiting**, Director of the Social Service Department, **Mrs. Ruth Adair, Miss Mary Love** and **Mrs. Bernice Oppenheimer.** This forum, held annually for the past 81 years, was concerned with the ever challenging and expanding field of social welfare and the relations of activities to a changing set of goals for human betterment.

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The Infirmary has had several personnel changes recently.

Mrs. Jean Shepard, formerly a secretary for the nursing department, left the Infirmary on May 28 and has been replaced by **Miss Marilyn Chase**, a graduate of the Chandler School.

Miss Ellen Murphy has left the hospital after being employed in the accounting department for seven years.

Mr. John Carroll, diener in the Howe Laboratory, retired June 1, and **Mr. James Duke Leonard** has taken over his duties.

Miss Patricia Murphy, formerly a secretary in the Retina Foundation at 30 Chambers Street, has moved to a position in the retina service here in the hospital.

Mrs. Ethel Franklin has taken up new duties in patients' accounts since her transfer from the admitting office.

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The Infirmary was honored to have **Miss Lennie Roenen, R.N.**, visiting and observing in its Nursing Department for the past two months. Before Miss Roenen left for a month's tour of the States on June 9, she enthusiastically expressed gratitude for the welcome and assistance she received while here. Miss Roenen will further her work at Temple University in Philadelphia for another two months before returning to St. Peter's Hospital of Brussels, Belgium.

H. Jean MacDuffie

Housekeeping

Arthur Baker, elevator operator in Baker, recently returned to work after a short stay in the hospital where he underwent a minor operation. Welcome back, Arthur.

John J. Donovan

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M.G.H.'ERS IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF WORLD

Business and Vacation Trips for Many

Summer, 1954, saw many M.G.H.-'ers in different corners of the earth. Staff members and employees alike had the opportunity to visit, either for business and/or pleasure, various parts of North America, Europe, and the Near East. Those of us who were not fortunate enough to spend our vacations traveling are fortunate to hear the stories of others.

Dr. Clark on Health Survey

Dr. Dean Clark, General Director, recently returned from an unexpected trip to Alaska where he participated in a six-week study of health and hospital conditions. The survey, under the direction of Dr. Thomas Barran of the University of Pittsburgh School of Public Health, was sponsored by the Department of the Interior.

Dr. Clark reports that the medical situation in Alaska is bad. Although conditions are much better than they had been, the extreme shortage of doctors and nurses is sharply felt. Fortunately, the inadequate number of hospitals and beds has been alleviated by the construction of a 500-bed hospital in Anchorage.

Tuberculosis is the greatest problem, particularly for those without positive sputum, for they are not hospitalized. However, they are treated with drugs. Individuals who have the disease and show a positive sputum are hospitalized.

"Plane and radio are terrific boons to the scattered villages," reports Dr. Clark, for those who require hospital care can be flown to at least one hospital in less than two hours. For the most part, however, individuals with common illnesses who do not require hospitalization have no access to adequate medical care.

The two-way radio affords the natives in the villages opportunity to discuss their medical problems with a doctor who broadcasts periodically from the larger cities. They are free to give symptoms of any malfunction and to ask advice as to the procedure which should be followed. In many cases, unless the patient is sick

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New Payroll Deduction Plan For Savings

Under a new payroll deduction plan for savings, the facilities of the Boston Five Cents Savings Bank have been made available to us at the M.G.H. and the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Until now, the M.G.H. Credit Union provided the most systematic opportunity to save. During the four years it has been in operation, savings by

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First to sign up for payroll savings is Mrs. Genevieve Daley of Personnel. She is assisted by Miss Joan Lambert of Payroll.

Red Feather Seeks More In '55

The goal for Greater Boston's United Red Feather Campaign, scheduled from October 24 through November 23, is $6,550,000, or $200,000 more than was raised last year.

M.G.H. is one of the twenty-seven hospitals in the 48 towns comprising Metropolitan Boston which receives funds from Red Feather. Some of the others include Children's, Massachusetts Memorial, New England Medical Center, New England Deaconess and

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Blue Cross Membership Drive Next Week

M.G.H. employees who have not joined Blue Cross-Blue Shield will have an opportunity to subscribe next Wednesday and Thursday, October 13 and 14. This annual drive for group membership will afford employees who did not join within the thirty day period immediately following their employment opportunity to become members. Also, individuals who wish

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Dr. Dean Clark, General Director, presented diplomas to ten dietetic interns who graduated from the one-year postgraduate course at the M.G.H. School of Dietetics. Shown above, receiving their diplomas from Dr. Clark are three students from distant lands: (left to right) Miss Manuelita Zephirin, Barbados, British West Indies; Miss Fe Rael, Rizal, Philippines; and Miss Setsuko Matsubara, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Adult Education Opportunities Great

Never let it be said that free educational opportunities are limited. Individuals who live in and around Boston may study innumerable subjects with absolutely no charge, or with a minimum registration fee of fifty cents or one dollar.

The only prerequisites to hundreds of free adult education classes, whether your interest be in typewriting or automobile repairing, is interest and a couple of hours each week.

Still Time to Enroll

Although some of the courses started a week or two ago, many educational centers are accepting enrollments at the present time for classes which will commence in another week or two.

The Massachusetts Division of Vocational Education offers courses to residents of many towns at the various schools located in the respective communities. Trade schools in Boston also offer free courses.

Veterans are entitled to participate in the State University Extension Classes in Boston and vicinity without charge.

English courses for foreign-born men and women are available at the International Institute of Boston as well as at community schools. The Boston Public Library offers a free Great Books Program. Public lectures in the city, under the auspices of the Lowell Institute, are given at the Museum of Science, the Museum of Fine Arts, the Old South Meeting House, the New England Conservatory of Music, and King's Chapel.

Residents of Boston are entitled to study vocational, commercial, art, homemaking and recreation subjects at the Boston Public Evening Schools. The specific types of courses offered depend upon the demand at the time of registration.

Endless Number of Courses

The various courses, too many to mention, are given evenings. Specific information is available at your local school department, or at the particular institutions mentioned above.

If unable to find a particular course, the Prospect Union Educational Exchange, Cambridge, a unique nonprofit organization, will assist you, without charge, in selecting courses best suited to your desires and needs.

Four A's Resume Activities

The American Amateur Artists Association of M.G.H. commenced its fall schedule on September 30 as new and old members tackled various media in the East Cafeteria from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Miss Anna Viden, chairman of the Four A's, announced that employees and staff are invited to join. The only prerequisites are interest, free Thursday evenings and twenty-five cents a week, except for students.

Included in the courses which are offered are life drawing, landscapes, still life, ceramics, jewelry and Christmas cards.

Social Security Benefits Increased

The recent amendment to the Social Security Law, effective September 1, increased the benefits of present and future Social Security beneficiaries.

The new formula for computing benefits is as follows: 55% of the first $110, and 20% of the balance of the average monthly wage up to $300 monthly. In other words, an individual who earned an average $200 per month receives $60.50 on the first $110 and $18 on the remaining $90. Thus his total benefit is $78.50.

Starting January 1, 1955, salaries will be taxed up to $4200 instead of $3600. However, the benefits will also be greater. Those averaging a salary of $4200 per year will be entitled to $108.50 a month Social Security.

Another change allows a worker to drop out as many as five years of low or no earnings in computing his average monthly wage.

Under certain conditions a totally disabled worker may "freeze" his benefits at the time he is disabled so that he may receive the largest benefit possible at the age of 65.

The amendment will allow those between 65 and 72 to earn up to $1200 a year without loss of benefits. A person may earn any amount monthly as long as the yearly total is not over $1200. For every $80 over $1200 earned, one month's benefits are lost.

Another change resulting from the amendment allows an individual, after he becomes 72 years of age, to earn any amount and still collect his benefits from Social Security.

Dispatch In New Quarters

Dispatch Service moved from its location in the Moseley Building to more centralized headquarters in the Brick Corridor on September 22.

New Telephone Number

In addition to attractive, mahogany-stained counter, glass enclosed office and convenient shelves, the dispatch center has a new telephone number. The general extension number which should be dialed for errands is 668. The chances for getting a busy signal have been reduced as a result of the new system which is set up on a continuity basis with three lines.

Dispatch Procedures

The following directions are listed in an attempt to inform hospital personnel of the procedures necessary in expediting errands as efficiently and swiftly as possible.

I. Notifying Dispatch of Errand

When calling Dispatch, it is well to give the following information: **location of floor or office, name of person calling, identification of errand** and **destination of errand.** If the errand involves a patient, the patient's name and type of transportation necessary should be stated. The unit numbers should be given whenever possible if the errand involves records or films. Quicker service results when facts are given in this manner.

II. Travel Time Necessary

Once an errand regarding a patient is formulated, the individual who places the order should call Dispatch at least ten minutes before the patient is ready to leave his room. An additional ten minutes should be allowed for the messenger (or messengers) to escort the person to his destination.

III. Route Slips

All papers and documents which are to be transported should have a route slip attached which designates their points of origin and destination. These should be rolled around laboratory specimen containers so that the information can be seen by the messengers.

IV. Tube System

Whenever possible, the tube system should be used to dispatch papers. The time saved can be used for patient transportation.

Benefits Entire Hospital

Initiated in 1953 as a centralized department for the benefit of the entire hospital, Dispatch's efficiency is dependent upon the cooperation of all departments.

In the new Dispatch headquarters in the Brick Corridor are, left to right, Mr. John O'Shea, assistant supervisor; Miss Renee Levine; Miss Ardy Garabedian; and Mrs. Margaret Caverly, volunteer.

Last year the dispatch center performed approximately 180 special errands and 300 routine errands in an eight hour day. With a ten hour daily coverage at the present time, Dispatch handles 480 to 500 special errands called in by telephone and 600 routine errands for the General Hospital, Baker Memorial, Phillips House, Vincent-Burnham and the Out-Patient Department each day.

Messengers transport medical records, supplies from the Central Supply Room and Lower Store, medicines from Pharmacy, assorted maintenance equipment and laboratory specimens in addition to patients, packages, mail and papers of various types.

Mr. Leon Katzer, department head of this service which acts as the connecting link between the wards and various clinics, laboratories and offices of the hospital, extends an invitation to employees to view the new headquarters.

Here and There

Mrs. Helen Nalbandian has retired after thirteen years in the sewing room.

Mr. Tony Russo replaced **Mr. William Cross** in the Maintenance Department. Mr. Cross retired after six years of service at M.G.H.

Mr. Willis Lowe, formerly of Maintenance, has been promoted to head of the Research Animal Farm.

BLUE CROSS

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to change their coverage may do so at this time.

Slight Changes in Coverage Plans

Blue Cross previously offered three plans for hospital coverage. The $10-a-day plan has now been eliminated for new members, leaving only the $7-a-day and $12-a-day plans. Employees who are currently subscribed to the $10-a-day coverage may remain on it until July 1, 1954, at which time this plan will be withdrawn completely.

Representatives at M.G.H.

Mr. Joseph Dorsey, Blue Cross-Blue Shield representative, will be in the corridor by East Cafeteria both days to help answer any question and to aid in the completion of enrollment or adjustment cards. Another representative will be located in the White lobby.

Although M.G.H. employees may receive care in the hospital without charge, they will also get their weekly salary for the period of their hospitalization as long as the hospital receives full Blue Cross reimbursement.

Applications for membership will be accepted by Mrs. Diane Galvin of Personnel through Friday, October 15. Employees who wish to become Blue Cross-Blue Shield members must join now, or wait for the group openings which will not be available for another year.

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enough to be transported by plane to a hospital, this medical advice must suffice.

Since doctors are among the rarest of human beings in Alaska, the limited number of nurses must look after the inhabitants of the tiny, scattered villages. Each public health nurse travels from one settlement to another and attempts to stay in each village for two or three weeks.

Dr. Clark was greatly impressed by the natives, who, he said, "are attractive, capable and intelligent." He spent almost two weeks in isolated villages with populations of 1200 and less. At one of these settlements he tried raw whale blubber, which he found tasty and similar to tuna fish. However, he admits that the seal oil was "horrible."

The survey took the group as far north as Kotzekue, fifty miles north of the Arctic Circle, and as far west as Cape Wales, from which point one can look across the Bering Strait and see Siberia forty miles away.

Dr. Churchill in Near East

Dr. Edward Churchill, who recently returned from the Near East where he was on a lecture tour which was sponsored by the Educational Exchange Program of the State Department, is convinced that "one of the greatest needs is to have American people give more than lip service to overseas work of all kinds. . . . Many of the institutions, built and supported by missionaries, are badly in need of funds and personnel in order to carry on their work." He added that these institutions are in communities where communist infiltration and interest are strong. "Many institutions are worried about the future . . . if we lose them we'll lose our foothold [in the near East.]"

In Beirut and Damascus Dr. Churchill found M.G.H. doctors and nurses. At Bagdad, Iraq, he was the guest of the Royal College of Medicine which is sponsored largely by the British.

Dr. Churchill's trip was not all ward rounds and lectures. He and his family, despite 120 degree temperature, were able to visit other places, including Istanbul and Athens.

Every place he went he met people who had either visited M.G.H. or who had studied here. The latter were anxious to be remembered to their various friends.

Credit Conference for Miss Hernan

A combination vacation and business trip was enjoyed by Miss Frances Hernan, Credit Manager, when she was sent to San Francisco by the Retail Credit Association of Boston as a delegate to the fortieth annual International Consumer Credit Conference of the National Retail Credit Association. Miss Hernan, president of the Retail Credit Association in Boston for the second year, was one of the co-chairmen of the conference and was in charge of the meeting at which Mr. Ritz Heernan, president of the American Hospital Association, spoke.

In addition to the beauty of the Mexican countryside and the artistic skills of the natives, Miss Hernan, while on her vacation south of the border, was impressed by the people's acceptance of life . . . "they seem content with what they have."

The bullfight which Miss Hernan attended proved to be particularly exciting—one of the spectators jumped out of the stands, thrust his muleta from side to side, and competed with the matadors. The excitement lasted only a few minutes, however, for the ambitious fellow was dragged from the ring amid shouts of protest.

Successful Visit

A repeat performance was demanded of Dr. Karl Schmid when he was invited to Cambridge University, England, to crystallize whale myglobin which was used for x-ray studies. His success had not been duplicated at Cambridge since he had performed the task in 1947 when he was last there. Again Dr. Schmid was successful, and was able to obtain between four and five grams of whale myoglobin.

"I like Cambridge . . . more than Oxford because the latter is a city with all sorts of industrial activity, whereas Cambridge is little more than Cambridge [University]," he admits. Nevertheless, Dr. Schmid stated that he, "a boy from the hills of Switzerland," would soon long for his native country. New England, he feels, has much to offer . . . scenic and otherwise, and prevents him from feeling homesick.

Flowers Everywhere

Miss Elise Cunningham of the Photography Lab also spent some time in England—a small town not far from Cambridge. She was very much impressed with the politeness of the people and the neatness of the gardens. "Flowers," she said, "were to be seen everywhere—even on the lamp posts."

Miss Louise Wheeler of the Cardiac Lab was so impressed with all she

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More fun than school! Kim Holtzman and Johnny Mirageas of the Day Nursery seem fascinated by the power lawn mower as Mr. Joseph Cavallaro of Maintenance cuts the grass.

The American Amateur Artists Association presented a picture to the children's ward in Burnham on September 16. The oil painting was done by 20-year-old Marvin Kessinger of Princeton, West Virginia, who has not had the use of his arms and legs since birth and paints by holding a brush in his mouth. Photographed above are: (left to right) Miss Esther Fich and Miss Hazel Anderson, vice chairman and secretary of the Four A's respectively; Miss Virginia Sellers, head nurse on Burnham 5; and Miss Carol Beaumont, student.

Beauty Parlor Available To Employees

The services of Miss Rose Dillenschneider, hairdresser of the M.G.H. beauty parlor, are available to female employees, but only after patient requests are fulfilled.

The charges for shampoo and set are $1.00 each, and a cut is $1.50.

The beauty parlor, located on the Baker Memorial roof, is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For an appointment call extension 456.

New Dietetic Interns

Miss Louise Hatch, Director of the Dietary Department and School of Dietetics, recently announced that twenty-three students have started their postgraduate work in dietetics at M.G.H. since July.

They are Ruth Anderson, Lois Augustus, Margaret Bishop, Beverly Brissenden, Anne Bulman, Fe Corleto, Maria Costanza, Janice Diehl, Bernice Eckroth, Susan Leonard, Ann Lindsey, Mary Mahowald, Mary Matson, Carma McDermott, Margie Moise, Ellen O'Hare, Carol Renz, Mary Schwartz, Barbara Smith, Hildegard Trompetter, Carolyn Turrentine, Martha Woods and Norma Yess.

New Classes Commence

The second year of supervisory training and work simplification classes will commence at M.G.H. on October 11 and October 19, respectively.

Mr. Arthur Fleming from the Massachusetts Department of Education will teach the course in Supervisory Training. Divided into two parts, the twenty sessions of instruction will include job and worker analysis, organization of material, human relations and supervisors' responsibilities.

The second series of conferences on the Tools and Techniques of Work Simplification will again be directed by Mr. Edmund Mattos, Assistant Director. The twenty session course attempts to teach employees to "work smarter, not harder."

All classes will be held in the Work Simplification Room which is located near the OPD amphitheater.

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saw during her vacation in Europe, that she hopes she will be able to go again. Her trip merely sharpened her appetite.

Old Customs Prevail

"It was amazing to see some of the older folks wearing costumes which had been styled centuries ago," reported Joseph Silva, orderly in Baker, upon his return from the Azores. Mr. Silva visited friends and relatives during his vacation abroad.

Miss Anna Crotty, Baker supervisor, also was impressed with costumes; she saw them in Amsterdam. Although Miss Crotty's travels took her through Belgium, Holland and Sweden, she spent most of her vacation in Copenhagen, Denmark. She claims it is one of the most wonderful cities in the world.

Miss Felicia Strympek Dies

With the tragic death of Miss Felicia Strympek, R.N., the M.G.H. and particularly the Department of Radiology suffered a great loss. Miss Strypek, who had been the head nurse in the Radiological Department of the General Hospital for the past two years, died at the hospital on August 22 following an automobile accident in which she sustained a fracture at the base of the skull.

Miss Strympek graduated in 1938 from the Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in Springfield, and before coming to Boston had held a position as head nurse at the Westfield State Sanatorium. In 1947 she came to M.G.H. to take a course in x-ray technic; in 1948 she became a member of the technical staff of the Radiological Department and four years later she was appointed head nurse in charge of the diagnostic portion of the department.

PAYROLL SAVINGS

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members increased every year at ten times the rate that borrowing increased. The Credit Union will be discontinued because it is obvious that the vast majority of people connected with the M.G.H. simply require a payroll deduction system to enable them to save and that a Credit Union with all the accounting necessary to maintain it for both borrowing and saving is not as necessary as it was originally thought to be.

You may open one of several kinds of savings accounts at the Boston Five Cents Savings Bank, the largest savings bank in New England, by simply making out a signature card and a deduction card in the Payroll Office on Baker 2 any Thursday or Friday.

A bank book is issued at the time the account is opened and is kept at the bank so that all amounts deducted from the salary may be recorded. With every monthly deposit a notice or receipt is mailed to each depositor.

The victorious Accounting Team.

Second place team: Maintenance.

M.G.H. Scoreboard

With a few sports enthusiasts the M.G.H. added a new activity in sports —the M.G.H. Soft Ball League. Once the green grass grew on the Charles River Playground, the league got off to a fast start. In one's mind things in general could have been brighter if the teams had started a month earlier. With a few days of practice sessions to take out the kinks, the youth movement started its season with few casualties.

The league consisted of six teams as follows: Accounting, Maintenance, Doctors, Dispatch. Eye and Ear, and Housekeeping. Games were played with only a few postponements, and those were caused by rain and vacations. The Accounting team is undefeated in six games as this goes to press, and seems to be the star of the league, closely followed by the Maintenance team which is in second place. The other four teams are fighting for third position. The Accounting team, captained by Joe McCue, had no individual standouts, as all players had a hand in the victories. The team shaped up with ace right hander Ralph Cluff as their pitcher and Bob Morgan, catcher. The infield consisted of Roy Moon (1b), John Mendes (2b), John MacSweeney (ss) and Joe St. Pierre (3b). Rounding out the team as outfielders were Joe McCue (lf), Jerry Murphy (cf), and Roland Davis (rf).

With the scores a little on the high side one could quickly see that Accounting was pretty solid both at bat and on the field. But with this in mind, the other teams of the league can't be counted out. What with good sportsmanship and the fun of getting together, this league has proven very successful. This new addition to the sports activities of the M.G.H. is looking forward for a bigger and more successful season next year.

George Boyce

Bowling Set For Season

The M.G.H Bowling League began its season on September 24 as eight teams challenged each other for the best start.

The league, under president Ralph Cluff and vice-president Malcolm McLean, will bowl Friday nights from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Fenway Alleys, 136 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston.

Dietary Tidbits

Since this is our first issue of **The World** since vacation time began we would like to start off with a little item about one vacation that we are pretty certain was a happy one. **Emma Anderson** of Vincent-Burnham who used to be in our Dish Room visited South Boston and Conway—South Boston, Virginia and Conway, South Carolina, I mean. Emma's home is in Conway and she was able to visit her mother for the first time in eight years.

Mrs. Kathleen Taylor, a diet aide of Vincent-Burnham, arranged a little cook-out as a sort of Farewell Hospitality for Jeanne Picciuolo and Judy Gates with V. B. dietitians and diet aides as guests.

Annie Norton and **Helena Marshall** are both back on duty making fine recoveries from surgery. We are happy about this.

Tony Diprizio, who was in White Kitchen before he left for military duty which included war-torn Korea, is back with us but he is a cook in Baker now. Seems natural to see him around.

Also back from the service is **Alex Michaels,** chef's helper in Baker. Another old friend is back—**Grace Varella** is with us in Nurse's Cafeteria.

A smile I think most of us remember belongs to **Mary Connolly** who had worked with us and whose father is **Tom Connolly**, our chef. Mary entered the Order of Sisters of Notre Dame as a postulant just a few weeks ago.

Jean Quinlan of White Diet Kitchen became Mrs. Merle Taylor on September 4th. Merle is in the Navy and attached to the Carrier Bennington of tragic experience—now in the Brooklyn Yard.

According to **Pat Sweeney** of the Food Store his new little grandson Paul is a very special little gentleman. Paul was born to Pat's daughter on August 21st.

Death claimed one of our department on August 28. **Bill Lewis** died in Bulfinch 3 after almost 12 years at M.G.H. We will miss him from his place in our vegetable unit and we extend our sympathy to the lady who shared so many years of life with him, Mrs. William Lewis.

Three members of our department have also felt the sadness of losing someone near and dear to them. Since our last issue death has claimed the mother of **Hortense Moyston** of the Cafeterias; the daughter of **Lottie Forni** who was in our Salad Room; and the brother of **Mrs. Mary McCarthy** of the Cafeterias. We are sorry.

Frances Harvey

ABOUT FOLKS

Pharmacy

The high spot of the vacation period was the Pharmaceutical Convention which was held at the Statler. The talks given by **Mr. J. T. Murphy** and **Miss Thelma Lezberg** were not only interesting but educational as well, and for the part **Mary Mooney** played as committee member—well, the wonderful gift she received spoke for itself. People from all over the country attended, many of whom toured the Pharmacy and left much impressed with M.G.H.

Advertisement: **Eddie Cianciarulo** chose vacation time to open up his own drug store—Grover's Pharmacy, Broadway, Somerville. Good luck, Eddie.

Item: School days are back again for summer help. **Russell Gasdia, John Cafazzo, Edward Murphy, James Norman, Margaret Gretz, Peter Antonini** and **Walter Osiecki** spent their vacations working.

Welcome mat: To pharmacists **John Colluccini** and **Lena Mazzoni.**

David Kazaka

Accounting

A combination of warm summer sun, vacation time lethargy and current bathing suit fashions has taken its toll of eligible bachelors. Diamonds and wedding plans are running rampant throughout the Accounting Department. Recently announced engagements include **Joan Lambert** of Payroll to Robert B. Soncas, **Dorothy Farley** of OPD Cashiers to Robert Morrill, **Terry Praught** of Philips House Cashiers to Albert Douglas, and **Esther Nash** of Tabulating to Richard Noble.

The Parent Population has taken an upturn as the stork made calls on **Bea** and **Johnny Mendes** (a girl—Sandra Marie) and **Helen** and **Eddie Foote** (a boy—Robert Martin).

We are pleased to welcome back **Miss Sadie MacPherson** of OPD after a protracted illness.

Virginia Whitten of Tabulating spent her vacation with her husband Roy, home on furlough from Germany.

Bea Lubke is back after an enjoyable month spent touring Canada with her husband, Ben.

The late returns continue to pour in—it's a girl for **Mr. and Mrs. Mike Concannon.** Also, a girl for **Mary McDonald** and her husband.

J. P. McCue

Laboratories

Welcome to **Sam-ang Singhadeja** from Bankok, Thailand; **Frederic Erlenmeyer** from Germany; and **Ruth Mogensen** from Denmark. Other newcomers are **Dora Marko** and **David Catalano.**

Miss Helen Filios attended the World Council of Churches in Chicago during her vacation.

Jeanne Russell

Housekeeping

Mr. James Shaw, elevator operator in the White Building, celebrated his seventy-sixth birthday on Labor Day.

Mrs. Delphine Deveau of the Emergency Ward recently returned from her vacation. She spent two weeks in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia.

Mr. Vincent Caggiano of Baker Memorial enjoyed a vacation in Canada with his family. While there he left his son (Richard worked in Dietary for the summer) at school where he will continue his studies for the priesthood.

Mr. Robert May, our assistant department head, just returned from a very exciting vacation. His prize boxer, Dinah, presented him with a litter of eleven pups.

Joseph Doherty

Record Room

On returning from her vacation the first thing your reporter saw was the flashing of a diamond on **Barbara Kay's** finger. The lucky man is Sidney Kaplan of Chelsea. One week later, **Margaret Bergmasco** appeared with a dazzling diamond. Her fiance is Daniel Sallvucci of Brighton. Wedding plans are incomplete.

Sophie Azarowicz visited Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa and all the little cities between Ottawa and Toronto, returning by way of Niagara Falls and upstate New York. The thing that impressed Sophie most was the immaculateness of the cities and the quiet serenity of Ottawa, which apparently few tourists include in their itinerary.

Doris Sundquist's trip to Atlantic City, which is celebrating its centennial, was interesting and inspiring. She saw the Diamond Jubilee of Lights; the Centennial Train, 125 feet long, representing the ten decades in the history and development of the city; and the "Miss America" pageant parade.

Enid Squire

Eye & Ear Infirmary

In the Dietary Department, **Miss Elizabeth Martin** replaced **Mrs. Nina Woessner** on September 20 as the therapeutic dietitian on the floors.

Miss Theresa Carroll is a new bookkeeper in the Accounting Department replacing **Mr. George Waters** who recently left to take a position with the Raytheon Manufacturing Company in Waltham.

In the Admitting Clerk's Office, **Miss Lena DeSilva** has been promoted to the position of statistician, formerly held by **Miss Sylvia Watts,** who left to be married.

Miss Marilyn Feldman has replaced **Mrs. George Palmer** as bookkeeping machine operator in the Accounting Department.

Virginia Gerould

General Nursing

Miss Mary Quinlan, formerly Assistant Public Health Supervisor at M.G.H., is now Assistant Director of the Nursing Service in Vincent-Burnham.

We are glad to welcome back to duty **Miss Sarah Rowley,** R.N., Supervisor of Equipment, who recently recovered from an accident.

Mr. Michael J. Morris, retired licensed practical nurse, recently relieved as technician in the O.P.D. Urological Clinic during the vacation of Mr. Frank Egleston.

Mr. Ernest Middlemiss, formerly of the Overnight Ward, entered the training school at the Tewksbury Hospital to study for the position of a Licensed Practical Nurse.

Vacation time took several people to various spots. **Mr. James Kilcoyne** of the General Appliance Room spent three weeks in East Brewster on Cape Cod. **Mr. Ernest Morin** of the Central Supply Room and Mrs. Morin went to Cleveland, Ohio, and the Shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre in Quebec, Canada. Winona, Minnesota, had as vacationers **Miss Patricia Burke** of the Overnight Ward and **Miss Bernell Lilla** of White 7.

Miss Ethel Crowell of White 5 toured the country on her way to California.

The nursing staff is very grateful to **Miss Cecelia Flanagan** of the Pharmacy office staff for the beautiful old fashioned bouquet she made. It was presented to **Mrs. Olive Hawkins** upon her departure from the staff.

Hugh W. Heney

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NEW BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Architect's model of the building which will house the departments of Pathology, Dermatology, Neurology and Psychiatry, is seen in the Moseley Rotunda. The five-story building is flanked by Thayer House, left, and Phillips House, right.

Ground-breaking ceremonies for the new medical science building which will house the laboratories and offices of the departments of Pathology, Dermatology, Neurology and Psychiatry, took place on November 8 at 11:00 a.m.

This building will take the form of a five-story west wing of the Baker Memorial, extending almost to Charles Street and connecting with Phillips House by a two-story link. There will also be constructed a second story on the corridor connecting the Phillips House with the Baker and White Building.

In the new structure Pathology will occupy the basement and the first two floors above ground, and the other three departments will be located on the remaining levels.

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Service Pin Awards On Ether Day

The Ether Day Program in the Moseley Rotunda, October 15, at three o'clock, at which 149 staff members and employees received service pins, marked the 108th anniversary of the first public demonstration of the use of ether as an anesthetic.

Presented to M.G.H. at that time by Mr. Horace Gooch of Louisville, Kentucky, was the family portrait of his grandfather, Dr. Augustus Addison Gould. Dr. Gould, a graduate of Harvard College and the Harvard Medical School, house physician at M.G.H. from 1828 to 1829 and later a visiting physician, was present in the Ether Dome when the use of ether as an an-

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Reduction Of Accidents Theme Of Safety Week

The current week of November 15 to 19, designated as Safety Week at M.G.H., is being marked with displays of graphs and posters in the White Lobby and in the Brick Corridor. Safety films are shown daily in the Moseley Rotunda and in the cafeteria of the Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Unfortunately, the accident rate from January 1 to October 31, 1954, was higher than the number of accidents which occurred last year during the same period.

	1953	1954
Fractures	3	4
Muscular Strains	7	20
Bruises and Abrasions	4	3
Lacerations	1	6
Burns	3	7
Miscellaneous	0	2
TOTAL	18	42

The above chart, compiled from the number of cases reported and treated in the Staff Clinic, shows that there were twenty-four more accidents in 1954 than in 1953. As a result, the number of working days lost was greater during the past year.

Hospital employees are urged to observe safety rules and to make suggestions for the prevention of future mishaps. A special suggestion box has been placed in the Brick Corridor and prizes will be given for the best safety tips.

Check Your Red Feather Calendar

There is still another week in which you may contribute to the Red Feather Drive if you have not already done so.

Over 100 captains and solicitors throughout M.G.H. have worked for the success of the 1955 campaign. Although many departments have 100 per cent participation, some people have forgotten that the campaign will come to a close within a few days.

Help boost the Red Feather thermometer — give more, give gladly, give now.

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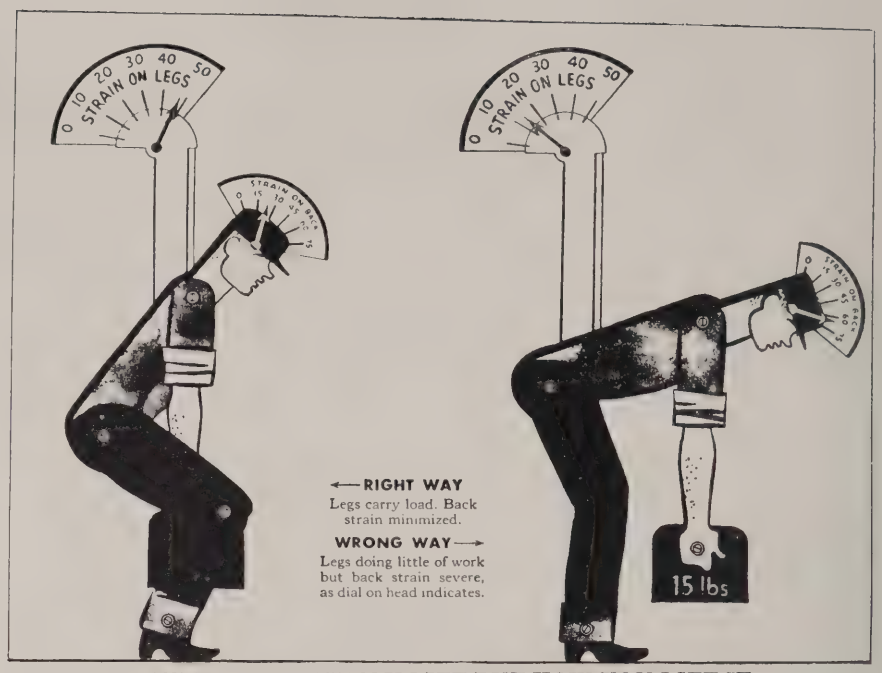

IT'S NOT WHAT YOU LIFT BUT HOW YOU LIFT IT.

The Thanksgiving Season

Families and friends will get together this Thanksgiving to enjoy bountiful dinners and festivities and to give thanks for the many blessings of the past year.

The observance of this day is particularly popular in New England, for it was in Plymouth in 1621 that it originated with the pilgrims. Prayers of thanks marked the end of a difficult year and a successful harvest.

It is at this time of year ,also, that we think of our neighbors who are less fortunate than we. We may share our joys by contributing to the numerous Red Feather agencies who in turn help thousands of individuals.

During the last few days of the 1955 United Red Feather Campaign we are asked to help the organizations which mean so much to so many.

Surely this is one way of indicating our thanks.

Automatic Food Machines In OPD

Automatic food machines replaced the food counter on the first floor of the Out-Patient Department on November 1.

Since that time patients and employees have been able to obtain sandwiches, pastries, ice cream, hot coffee, milk, and soup in a matter of seconds by inserting a few coins. An automatic coin changer makes change for a twenty-five cent piece.

A greater number of people can be accommodated in a shorter period of time with this new innovation.

Research Center For Eye and Ear Infirmary

Construction of the new Research Center of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary which commenced during late summer is now well under way.

The Research Center, three floors to be erected over the Out-Patient Connecting Building located on Fruit Street between Charles and North Grove Streets, will not only provide space to assemble all the laboratories now scattered throughout the Infirmary but will also give expanded quarters to the Howe Library of Ophthalmology and the more recently established Otolaryngological Library.

The first of the new floors, which will be the fourth in the Fruit Street wing, will contain the two libraries and some of the ear, nose and throat laboratories. The fifth floor will be entirely devoted to the Howe Laboratory of Ophthalmology. The sixth story will contain the Eye Pathology Laboratory and the research on retrolental fibroplasie or blindness in premature babies. This top floor will also house new hearing test rooms and investigations of the ear.

Provision for the three additional stories was made in 1927 when the Connecting Building was erected. This union of the M.G.H. and the Eye and Ear Infirmary resulted in the formation of one great Out-Patient Department with its admission and waiting rooms in one building—an improvement for ease of consultation and the transfer of patients, and the addition of many and extensive facilities for several hospital departments.

Grant Expands Program For Medical Students

Receipt of a five year grant of $275,000 from the Rockefeller Foundation was announced recently by Dr. George P. Berry, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Harvard University. The purpose of this grant is the integration of the teaching of comprehensive medical care into the medical school curriculum.

In this study in medical education, Harvard medical students are assigned to families living in the vicinity of, and receiving medical care from the M.G.H. and related community agencies. The study is built upon the experience of our Children's Medical Service which was supported by funds from the Hyams Trust.

Teaching is directed toward normal child growth and development, the early recognition and evolution of chronic disease, and hereditary and environmental influences on health and illness.

The program, directed for H.M.S. by a policy committee representing the medical school, M.G.H. and the Boston Lying-In Hospital, is headed by Dr. David Rutstein, Associate Physician.

Dr. Joseph Stokes, Clinical Assistant in Medicine, heads the Family Health Program with which the Harvard medical students will be associated, under the general supervision of Dr. Rutstein. Serving as full time pediatrician of the service is Dr. Frederic Blodgett, Associate Physician of the Children's Medical Service.

SERVICE PINS

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esthetic was publicly demonstrated for the first time. Mr. Henry R. Guild of the Board of Trustees accepted the portrait on behalf of the hospital.

1,385 Years of Service

Dr. Dean A. Clark, General Director, presided, and awarded service pins to 149 members of the hospital family. Accumulatively, these individuals represent 1,385 years of service to M.G.H.

Miss Nancy Fraser, R.N., and Miss Sara F. MacPherson of the Accounting Department, were the recipients of 40-year pins. Pins for 30 years of service were presented to G. Colket Caner, M.D.; Miss Margaret M. Joyce, General X-Ray; Anthony Maggiotta, Maintenance; and Mrs. Mary McGuinness, Baker Dietary.

Doctors on the staff who received 25-year service pins are Fuller Albright, Joseph S. Barr, Walter S. Burrage, Charles W. Crowley, George E. May, Frank I. Rhodes, Judson A. Smith, Richard C. Tefft, Jr., and Benjamin Tenney.

Awards for 20 years of service were given to Michael Boyajian, Adele Corkum, R.N., Charles Kavanaugh, Louise Paolucci, Estelle Svenson, R.N., Kenneth Weyand, E. Louise Wheeler, and Helen Wentworth.

Service pins for ten years of service went to Louis Bartolini, Marion Bates, R.N., Charles Bonlick, Mary Callahan, Amanda Campbell, Henry Cotton, Charles L. Clay, M.D., Charles E. Cummings, Sarah DeFreitas, Alice V. Degan, Florence DiFronzo, Henry A. Dunner, Klara Edwards, Barbara Fitch, Helen Fitzpatrick, Mildred Frellick, R.N., Eva Hicks, R.N., Anne Huggard, R.N., Olive Kelly, Margaret A. Kolpack, Hortense Moyston, Arthur Nicholas, Patsy Pizzi, William Prentice, Marie Rearick, R.N., Gertrude Salmon, Jennie Sands, Annie M. Shumilla, Myrtle C. Sweeney, R.N., Dorothy Tancred, William E. Walsh, Mary Whitehead, Irma Wirta, R.N., Donald Withee and Paul Zarnowski.

Dr. Dean A. Clark, General Director, awards 40 and 30-year service pins to Miss Sara MacPherson, Accounting, and Dr. K. Colket Caner, neurologist, respectively, at Ether Day Program on October 15.

Student Alda Bowlby views the many nurses' caps included in the display in the Brick Corridor which marked National Nurse Week, October 11-15.

Nurses Honored

A citation was read by Dr. Clark in honor of National Nurse Week, October 10-16, which President Dwight D. Eisenhower had proclaimed in order to pay tribute to the nursing profession for its great contribution to the welfare and security of the United States. Miss Katherine Donahue and Miss Ella May Reese, representing the Professional and Licensed Practical Nurses respectively, were asked to accept the citation.

Following the ceremonies, staff members and their families were served refreshments in the East Dining Room.

Mrs. Braman On Radio

Mrs. Constance Braman, Assistant Director of Nursing in charge of Phillips House, was interviewed October 15 on station WBMS.

Chairman of a committee for the Central Directory for Nurses, District 5 for the Massachusetts Nurses' Association, Mrs. Braman discussed the Central Directory and informed the public on how to secure a professional nurse.

"Dear Diary" Opens Tonight

The trials, tribulations and joys of a student nurse will be spotlighted as the senior class of the M.G.H. School of Nursing presents "Dear Diary" at Morse Auditorium in the Museum of Science tonight and tomorrow evening, November 18 and 19, at 8:30 p.m.

Co-chairmen of this original musical comedy are Bunny Codi and Marcia McGahan. Included in the cast are Anna Battista, Lorraine Chabot, Roberta MacNeill, Marina Marcucci, Eleanor Marks, Kathy Millett and Jeanne Pequin.

Tickets are $1.00 each and may still be purchased.

Plans For '55 Operetta

Gilbert and Sullivan's operetta, "The Mikado," will be presented by the M.G.H. Operetta Company May 3, 4, and 5, it was decided at the November 4 meeting of members of the group.

The company, under the direction of Miss Margot Warner, is presenting its sixth consecutive production.

All members of the hospital family —musicians and non-musicians, are invited to participate. If you are interested in singing, scenery, tickets, costumes, publicity or make-up, watch the bulletin boards for announcements.

ABOUT MEDICINE

Dr. R. A. Justi, Assistant Resident in Pathology, has written the following article for this month's ABOUT MEDICINE.

The Masks Of Allen Street

Quite a series of contrasts are presented along the route from the courtyard off North Grove Street, through the White Building, to the rear courtyard and buildings of the Department of Pathology on Allen Street. In contrast to the magic-eye, Alice-in-Wonderland front doors leading into the spacious lobby of the White Building, is the rear door leading into the courtyard in the rear of the hospital. One is invariably stopped cold on first encounter with this door, and especially bewildered when no door knob is found. However, when the "open-sesame" secret of the pull-chain is discovered, this Arabian Nights creation parts in the middle, and unless its guillotine-like closure catches you, you are now in the backyard of the hospital.

Directly ahead of the back door is the building occupied by the Department of Pathology, and jutting out into the courtyard on the far left is the morgue, euphemized as "The Allen Street House." The first reaction of the visiting doctor when confronted with the physical plant on Allen Street must be "this is the Department of Pathology?" And to those who have never heard of this department, the reaction is likely to be, "Another utility shop."

Pathology Indispensable to Medicine

In a sense it could very well be considered a utility shop, for its multitudinous activities, all devoted to the study of disease, make the Department of Pathology indispensable to the practice of medicine. The quality of medical practice has always been reflected by the standard of the pathology of each era. The medicine of a period has never been any better than the pathology of that period. When the nature of a disease was understood, the diagnosis and treatment were likely to be well founded, but when the nature of a disease was unknown, the diagnosis was likely to be obscure and the treatment purely "hit-and-miss." In ancient Egyptian medicine the concept that disease was animistic, i.e., caused by spirits, was reflected in the treatments employed. A white magic brand of preventive medicine consisted of drilling holes into the skull, incantations, and religious rites. Some rascally doctors even practiced a black magic brand of medicine and invited the evil spirits to enter into one's enemies. In ancient Greece the concept of disease was that it was caused by an imbalance of the humors (an idea prevalent up until just one hundred years ago). The logical treatment suggested was directed at restoring the balance of the humors, thereby promoting health. Various "balancing remedies" were employed which included bleeding, emetics, purgatives and sweating.

Causes of Disease Are Numerous

Today the concept of disease is neither animistic nor humoral, but rather "holistic." Causes of disease are numerous and varied and no "system" is offered that will explain away everything. Some diseases are inherited, some are caused by poor nutrition, some have origin in hormonal upsets, some are caused by chemical agents and others by physical agents, some are caused by parasites (viruses, bacteria, fungi, and other living organisms). The cause of disease determines the treatment which will be prescribed. It is to this end that the work of the Department of Pathology is oriented, taking the fingerprints as it were, of a culprit called "Disease," studying its habits, its causes, its effects, how the body adapted under the altered conditions of life called "Sickness," and finally the mechanism by which the disease managed to triumph.

Autopsy

The first mask of Allen Street, that of death and autopsy, is the one most generally associated with pathology. It should be mentioned that Allen Street is the M.G.H. euphemism for Death, here as elsewhere always referred to with esoteric terms and in hush-hush tones. The autopsy mask of Allen Street is repugnant to many people, and all too often the query is made, "Why do you have to do an autopsy?" Pathologists are no more compelled to perform an autopsy than the family physician is to examine the heart and lungs with his stethoscope. However, as long as man is distinguished from the brute by reason — asking why — he will continue to probe Nature's secrets. The explanation for engaging in this work is simple, for the whole lifework of doctors is dealing with death, staving off the eventual day of its certain triumph over everything alive. However, even when death has occurred, the study of disease continues with the autopsy, with the one material money cannot buy — human tissue. The study continues only from the kindness and altruism of the relatives, who are as anxious as the doctors for the information that may provide comfort to the living, or perhaps the knowledge for a cure, or ideally the prevention of disease.

Records Invaluable

From 1821, when the M.G.H. first opened its doors to serve the sick, to 1896, the autopsy records were incorporated in the charts of the patients. On October 19, 1896, Dr. James Homer Wright, the hospital's first pathologist, began writing out the autopsy protocols and binding them into volumes. One hundred and sixty autopsies were performed in 1896-97. During 1953 six hundred and eight autopsies were done. From these postmortem examinations in 1953 alone some 20,000 slides were prepared for microscopic study. The information pro-

Technicians (left to right) Miss Myra Aroian, Mrs. Klara Edwards and Mrs. Jean Engborg prepare slides in the Neuropathology Lab.

vided by this material has been carefully collected, classified, and filed through the years, not only for present study but also for future analysis and periodic reevaluation.

Numerous Benefits

The practical benefits derived from this correlated work include instruction and training of medical personnel, technicians, nurses, students and doctors. Each case is re-examined in the light of the autopsy findings, and in a retrospective review the case is analyzed to see if something different could have been done that would have changed the fatal outcome. If a possible familial component is present in the disease, it can be determined from the autopsy.

A hospital will not be accredited if it does not maintain a minimum 20% autopsy rate, and the American Medical Association will not approve any hospital for residency training if that hospital does not have an adequate Department of Pathology under the supervision of a pathologist. It should be a source of pride to know that the M.G.H. has consistently had autopsy rates in excess of 50%.

The autopsy also provides opportunity for evaluating technics and devising new, improved ones. It is within the memory of many of the M.G.H. family when some of the M.G.H. doctors spent many an hour in the 1930's in the Allen Street House, devising a new surgical technic and approach to the parathyroid glands, so that a confident approach could be made to operate upon the living. Since then many people have been saved from a premature death from disease of the parathyroid glands. Many instances could be recalled how the autopsy stripped the veil of mystery from many other diseases. Appendicitis, for example, went unrecognized (even at autopsy) until Dr. Reginald Fitz of this hospital (then Curator of the Pathological Cabinet) recognized the entity in 1888. He thereby opened up the way for an understanding of the disease, its diagnosis, surgical treatment and cure, and the needless mortality from appendicitis was considerably reduced. All in all, the benefits of the autopsy contribute to a better overall understanding of disease, and this enlightened understanding will have its ultimate application as benefits to the living.

Surgical Pathology

The second mask of Allen Street is surgical pathology. All tissues removed from patients in the hospital are submitted to the Department of Pathology for careful observation, description and study, in order to arrive at a considered opinion as to the nature of the disease process. In medicine the diagnosis is all important, for what judgments do for business men and verdicts do for lawyers, diagnoses do for doctors. Surgical pathology provides answers to such questions: Is it inflammation or tumor? If a tumor, what kind is it? Is it benign or malignant? What type of treatment, if any, is best — drugs, surgery, or x-radiation? Is an operation advised, and if so, will a simple excision suffice, or is a radical operation indicated? Will other members of the family contract the disease, or isn't it transmissable or hereditary? In addition to the diagnosis, a study of the tumor specimens provides answers to other vital questions: Has all of the tumor been removed, or does some still remain? Has it already become disseminated, or was the surgeon able to remove it before spread occurred? Is the patient possibly cured, or is he likely to die of his disease? How long is the expected time of survival?

Dr. Si-Chun Ming, Assistant Resident, describes his findings to his colleagues. Standing to the left of Dr. Ming is Dr. Benjamin Castleman, chief of the Pathology Department.

In the past year 12,000 surgical specimens were examined, from which some 45,000 tissue sections were prepared for microscopic examination, searching for the answers to these questions. Although the answers to these questions are indispensable to the intelligent management of the patient's illness, even more important is the fact that an accurate diagnosis places the treatment on a sound foundation. When the diagnosis is nebulous, the treatment is likely to be floundering, but by establishing the diagnosis with certainty the treatment can be placed with confidence.

Research

A third mask of Allen Street is that of research. Various aspects of disease are investigated by different disciplines, from the viewpoint of how form and function have been altered, to histochemical studies identifying by special stains various constituents of cellular life. Six technicians, in addition to six in general pathology, do the research and histochemical tissue work. During the past year, 21,000 slides were made by the histochemistry section of General Pathology. Surely, if one is tempted to consider the Allen Street House in the sense of the "end of the trail," then this research mask must be considered the frontier at the beginning of new, uncharted trails which it is hoped will lead to richer vistas in the purview of medicine.

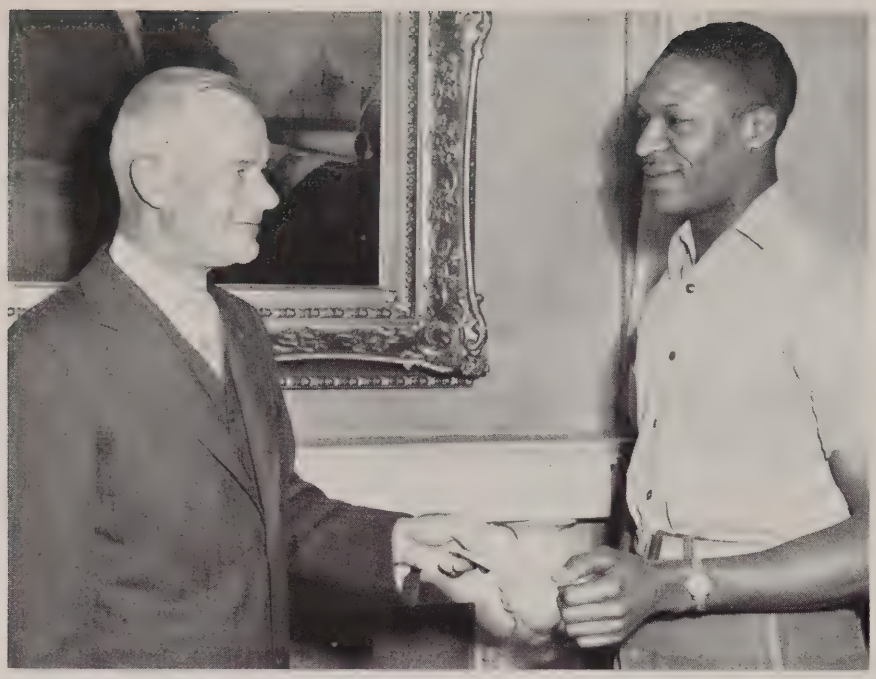
The chief of the Department of Pathology is Dr. Benjamin Castleman. There are twenty-five physicians in the department, including full time staff men, residents, fellows, graduate students and medical students. The non-professional personnel number approximately forty and include technicians, cytologists, secretaries, a medical photographer, two dieners and two porters.

Focus on Patient's Disease

The practice of pathology is the practice of medicine. The fact that the focus in the department is on the patient's disease rather than on the patient doesn't make the pathologist an unfeeling person. He is as interested in the patient as the clinician; working toward the same goal but with different approaches and different tools.

Bright Future

The department has long outgrown its present quarters which were built fifty years ago. A building is now under construction. Although the Pathology Department's new quarters will front on Charles Street between Thayer and Phillips House, the Allen Street colloquialism will still endure, for the new morgue will have its exit on Allen Street.



Reward for catching thief is presented to Jewel Adams, houseman, by Dr. Dean A. Clark, General Director.

Houseman Apprehends Thief

The chase of a suspicious-looking woman by houseman Jewel Adams on October 14 resulted in the apprehension of a thief and an end to a series of thefts throughout the nurses' residences. Dr. Dean Clark, General Director, expressed the appreciation of the entire staff to Mr. Adams for the courage and alertness he had displayed, and rewarded him with a check.

Mr. Adams had seen the young woman in the basement lounge of Walcott House three times, but did not become suspicious until several items had disappeared from some of the nurses' rooms. His description of the female was at that time sent throughout the hospital.

About a month later, on October 14, Mr. Adams saw the same person in the White Building descending the stairs to the basement. He followed her to Phillips House, but she apparently changed her mind and retraced her footsteps until she arrived at the Baker Memorial. He continued to follow her through Baker to Thayer House where she disappeared into a rest room.

Immediately he ran up a flight of stairs to Mrs. Mabel Evans, residence director of the dormitory, and related the story to her. Hospital authorities were summoned by Mrs. Evans while Mr. Adams ran downstairs and told the young woman Mrs. Evans wanted to see her. Much to his surprise, she did not question him. His suspicions were confirmed, he said, when she ascended the service stairs instead of the stairway used by the students. They kept her waiting until the authorities arrived.

Mr. Adams was greatly surprised the next morning when he went to identify the individual at the police station. Minus the dress and wig, the young "woman" was a male.

Employees To Sing With Chorus

Nine employees of M.G.H. and the Eye and Ear Infirmary will sing with the Chorus Pro Musica at a concert on December 5 at Symphony Hall.

The individuals who will participate are Shirley Davenport, Cardiac; Charlotte Furbish, Eye Pathology; Dusty Gould, Dermatology; Sally Jackson, Surgical Social Service; Eleanor Lichtler, Huntington Lab; Virginia Safford, Family Health Service; Helen Sherwin, Nursing School; William Stenstrom, Howe Lab; and Elizabeth White, Cortical Test Lab.

The concert, the first of four or five given annually, will feature soloists including Adele Addison, and will be accompanied by members of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. The program will include Mozart's Great C Minor Mass and works for double chorus by Bach.

The group consists of approximately 140 individuals; professional and business people as well as students and housewives. Visitors are welcome to the rehearsals which are held Monday evenings, 7:30 p.m., at Trinity Church.

Honors For Medical Art Department

The Medical Art Department recently announced that Mrs. Edith Tagrin, assistant to Mrs. Muriel MacLatchie Miller, has been accepted for membership in the Association of Medical Illustrators at its convention which was held in Nashville, Tennessee, in October.

In addition to Mrs. Tagrin, two other graduates of the School of Medical Illustration have been accepted. They are Robert J. Demarest of the Class of '51 and now medical artist at the Columbia University Medical School, New York; and Margaret Mary Croup, Class of '49, now medical artist at St. Margaret Memorial Hospital in Pittsburgh.

The Association of Medical Illustrators accepts about eight or ten members each year. The applicants' drawings must pass the inspection of the Board of Governors of the A.M.I.

Mrs. Miller, as the 1954 president of the association, addressed the convention. Her speech, entitled "Our Heritage," will be published in the A.M.I. Journal.

New Chaplain At M.G.H.

Rabbi Louis H. Lieberworth assumed his duties as the Jewish chaplain at M.G.H. in October.

Rabbi Lieberworth has a parish at the Medford Jewish Community Center in Medford.

Elected Financial Secretary

Miss Phrae Hernan, assistant to the credit manager, was elected financial secretary of the Credit Women's Breakfast Club of North America, Boston Chapter, at their meeting on October 12.

Those Students!

The preclinical students on the fourth floor of Thayer House recently surprised their chambermaid, Miss Helen Jackson, with a kitchen shower. She will be married in the near future.

PLEASE NOTE

In order to obtain more efficient and faster service on the Vincent-Burnham elevators, an operator will be on duty Monday thru Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Norman Ryan of the Electric Shop likes to walk — for ten to fourteen hours at a time!

Walker Sees Countryside

The greatest drawback to walking long distances, admitted Norman Ryan of the Electric Shop when he took his first walks to Providence, R. I., and Salem, N. H., were blistered feet. And no wonder — they are 47 and 32-mile distances, respectively.

However, 17-year-old Norman is now a seasoned walker and finds that his feet are little trouble to him. He has walked to Brockton, Worcester, Gloucester, Taunton, Newburyport and Nashua, N. H. It takes him ten to sixteen hours to reach these cities which are anywhere from 33 to 47 miles away.

Norman walks in opposition to the cars on the road, and as a result is not offered rides by drivers. However, on his way to Worcester in July, the police questioned him in Wellesley. The officer's comment after he heard Norman's story was "You've a lot of courage, son."

Our walker did have a little difficulty in Providence, for the police, thinking him a runaway, took him to the station. After they called his home and discovered his family knew of his whereabouts, they released him.

It has been Norman's habit to walk to his destination and return by bus. He finds that an average stroll of about 35 miles is sufficient for a weekend.

"It's amazing how much you see when you walk," states Norman. He hopes to find someone with whom to walk, but thus far he has walked alone.

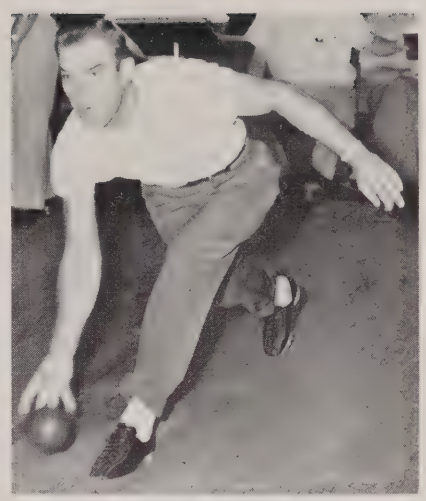
Library News

Recently added to the collection in the Warren Library for the enjoyment of employees are the following books:

Richardson	We Bought an Island
Mystery Writers of America	Butcher, Baker, Murder-Maker
Jepson	Black Italian
Walteri	Moonscape
Schiaparelli	Shocking Life
Gardner	Case of the Restless Redhead
Llewellyn	Flame for a Doubting Thomas
Keyes	Royal Box
Wellman	Glory, God and Gold
Dostoyevsky	Possessed
Joyce	Dubliners
Austen	Pride and Prejudice
Godden	Black Narcissus
Faulkner	Light in August
Walton	Complete Angler

GIVE TO RED FEATHER

Boston Garden Rodeo folks visit the Burnham Memorial for Children on October 28. Yates Bennett, standing between the Range Rider (Jack Mahoney) and Dick West, and Carol Marra reflect the merry mood of the afternoon.



Top bowler Joseph St. Pierre.

ALLEY TALLIES

The 1954-55 season of the M.G.H. Bowling League officially opened Friday, September 24, at the Fenway Alleys on Huntington Avenue. The attendance was very good and we hope to keep it up.

This year we have four new teams in the league — Refrigeration, Housekeeping, Plumbing, and Eye and Ear — in addition to the regulars of last year which include Printing, Pharmacy, Electricians and Maintenance.

With the first four weeks of the season underway, the pace-setting Refrigeration team, led by Captain "Curley" Gray, started off by winning their first three games, until they lost to the second place Pharmacy team. Refrigeration still holds a slim lead over Pharmacy, with Printing (champions of the 1953-54 season) and the Electricians tied for third place. The other teams are in close competition.

The "Old Pro" Joe St. Pierre, Printing, in natural style and form, holds the individual high three strings with 326 and is the star of the league with a 99 average. A newcomer to the league, John Rainone of Maintenance, started off in high style by bowling 121 on opening night. Fred Mapplebeck and Russ Gasdia are equally outstanding, each with a 95 average.

George Boyce

NEW BUILDING

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It is estimated that construction will take about thirteen months. The architects for the building, the cost of which will be approximately two million dollars, are Shepley, Bulfinch, Richardson, and Abbott.

ABOUT FOLKS

Dietary Tidbits

Two of our department members recently reached a new state in life — grandparenthood. **Helen McNamara** of East Cafeteria has a grandson, Joseph, born to her daughter on September 25. The daughter of **Harriet Thomas** of the vegetable section of White Kitchen also had a daughter, Valerie, born in New York on September 28.

The sudden death of **Marion Gilligan** of East Cafeteria saddened us.

Zoe Brown of Nurses' Cafeteria has been off duty for several weeks due to a fractured knee. We hope she will be fully recovered soon.

Our bread baker **Otto Skeppen,** who works all night preparing bread, rolls and muffins for us, found a little souvenir of appreciation waiting for him when he came to work the night after the Range Rider of motion picture and television fame came to our hospital on October 28. This popular personality had lunch in our cafeteria and liked the bread so much that he left an unsolicited autograph for Otto addressed to "a good bread baker."

Frances Harvey

Medical Records

Miss Rose L. Martin and **Mrs. Frances P. Neeley** attended the twenty-sixth Annual Conference of the American Association of Medical Record Librarians, October 4 to 8, at the Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel, Detroit. **Mrs. Jean R. Poor** of our School for Librarians attended the workshop connected with the conference.

Another diamond! The engagement is announced of **Miss Laura Pechilis** to Mr. George Skordares. A spring wedding is planned.

Students have discovered the File Room: Working there are men from the following schools: Bentley School of Accounting and Finance, Boston University (Liberal Arts, Graduate School, Junior College), Curry College, Hickox Secretarial School, Massachusetts College of Optometry, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, Rindge Technical High School, and Suffolk Law School.

Enid Squire

Social Service

Mrs. Helen Smith has come to the Social Service Department from Seattle, Washington, to be supervisor of the surgical unit. Three other workers new to this service are **Miss Ora Barkan, Miss Beverly Borr,** and **Mr. Lionel Todman.**

On the Neurology Service the new social worker is **Miss Esther Salzman.** She was previously with the Boston City Hospital.

The new social worker in Psychiatry A is **Miss Louise Pollak.**

Mrs. Pearl Lodgen is also a new staff member, working on a research project in Psychiatry.

In the past few months three case aides have joined us: **Mrs. Helen Sharar** in the O.P.D., **Miss Judy Merrow** on the Medical Service, and **Miss Sally Jackson** on the Surgical Service.

Phoebe Cover

Pharmacy

Celebrity: A few Fridays ago **Mary Mooney** of Out-Patient Pharmacy was interviewed on the "Home Forum of the Air" over WBZ, and if some of the women who listened in haven't decided to become pharmacists, we miss our guess.

Apology: To **Jerry Russo** for neglecting to welcome him in the last issue of The World.

Farewell: We're sorry **Lillian Spongberg** left, but we wish her loads of luck.

David Kazaka

Housekeeping

We would like to welcome two new members to the department: **Mr. Alexander Yuknis** and **Mr. Fred Stevens,** who are working in the Baker and Vincent-Burnham Buildings respectively.

Mr. Robert May, assistant superintendent of Housekeeping, has transferred his office from Mosely I to the second floor of the O.P.D. His new telephone extension is 2355.

Mr. Charles Roche has assumed the new duties as foreman in the Out-Patient Department on the evening shift.

Joseph Doherty

Accounting

One of the most successful social events of the department's fall season took place recently when the girls gave a shower for two of their co-workers — **Joan Lambert** and **Marie Naoum.**

We are happy to welcome **Rose McFarlan** back to work after an unexpected appendectomy.

Irene Van Newkirk spent her vacation touring Virginia and Ohio with her husband.

Georgianna Monier just returned from Washington where she had an enjoyable visit with her niece.

Department members wish to extend their sincere condolences to **Margaret O'Leary** on the recent death of her mother.

Harold Emrich is back after a six-month absence during which time he worked with a joint committee of the Massachusetts Hospital Association and Blue Cross studying hospital costs.

Those flying saucers you've been reading about are probably only **Evelyn Alexander** of Tabulating. She is taking flying lessons.

Joseph McCue

Eye and Ear Infirmary

The Eye and Ear Infirmary, under the chairmanship of **Mrs. Constance Wilbur,** head nurse of X-ray, participated in the annual Red Feather Drive. Those who assisted Mrs. Wilbur include **Miss Henrietta Olsen, R.N.,** and **Miss Walborg Petersen, R.N.,** both of the Admitting Office. Teas inaugurating the drive were held in the Nurses' Residence on October 14, and on the following day in the Surgeons' Parlor of the Infirmary. The current Red Feather film, "Not Wanted," was shown at both events.

In the Nursing Department, **Mrs. Alice Halloran, R.N.,** is replacing **Miss Frances Buck, R.N.,** who left to be married, and **Miss Janet Redden, R.N.,** has been added to the staff on the fifth floor. **Miss Phyllis Brown, R.N.,** is visiting in New Orleans for two weeks. **Miss Marilyn Chase,** a graduate of the Chandler School, is now Nursing Department secretary.

On the third floor of the Infirmary, **Mrs. Helen Garrity** has been replaced by **Mrs. Carlotta Michalek** as ward secretary.

Two new members of the Social Service Department are **Miss Sylvia Seigel** and **Mrs. Irma Feldman. Miss Elizabeth Haeberlin** and **Mrs. Nadja Pendleton,** both from the Simmons School of Social Service, are also in this department studying and doing their field work.

Miss Jean Siracusa is the new messenger girl in the Admitting Clerk's Office, and **Miss Florence Gordon** is the new secretary in the Refraction Clinic.

After a short absence, **Mrs. Nina Woessner** has returned to her position on the Dietary Staff. **Miss Elizabeth Martin,** who was her replacement, will stay on, fulfilling the need for a fourth dietitian.

Maureen O'Brien

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Party To Highlight Christmas Festivities

The many activities throughout M.G.H. during the two weeks preceding Christmas will be highlighted with a Family Christmas Party on Wednesday evening, December 22, in the Moseley Rotunda. All emloyees and their families are invited.

The party will commence at 7:00 p.m. with a Children's Party at which there will be entertainment followed by the appearance of Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. Later, refreshments will be served to the young folks in the Brick Corridor.

The party for adults will follow with dancing in the rotunda and refreshments in the East and Doctors' Dining Rooms from 8:00 to 12:00 p.m. Music will be provided by Herbie Sulkin and his orchestra. A variety show featuring M.G.H. talent will be presented in the Nurses' Dining Room at 8:30 p.m.

The day after the party employees are invited to join the Christmas carolers. Following refreshments in the Supervisors' Dining Room at 3:30 on December 23, the group will sing carols to patients throughout the hospital until 6:00.

Members of the Christmas Commit-

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The spirit of Christmas captures the young patients on Burnham 5 as they watch Miss Dorothy Kishkis put the finishing touches on Santa Claus.

Tryouts For "Mikado" January 4

Tryouts for soloists and chorus members for the M.G.H. Operetta Company's production of Gilbert and Sullivan's operetta, "The Mikado," will take place Tuesday, January 4, at 7:00 p.m. in the Moseley Rotunda.

The company's meeting, the first of the 1955 season, is open to all individuals who are interested in scenery, costumes, make-up, publicity and lighting as well as to those who wish to sing.

"The Mikado" will be presented May 4, 5 and 6 in the Morse Auditorium of the Museum of Science.

Staff Education Well Under Way

Since October 4 when the Staff Education program was initiated, forty-one employees of the Nursing Department have undergone a formal indoctrination period of one week immediately following their employment, it was announced recently by Miss Edna Lepper, Associate Director of Nursing Service.

The primary purpose of the new program of the Nursing Department is to correctly teach new employees to perform the specific tasks for which they have been hired. Its ultimate goal is better patient care by individuals who are happier at their jobs as a result of adequate orientation and training.

The orientation program includes classes for new staff nurses, licensed practical attendants, experienced aides, ward helpers, and secretaries.

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Red Feather Gifts Still Accepted

The M.G.H. Red Feather Campaign committee, through The World, wishes to express its appreciation to all members of the hospital family for their part as contributors and/or solicitors in the 1955 campaign.

As this issue goes to press, over $19,500 has been given to Red Feather through M.G.H. Although the metropolitan campaign came to a close on November 24, new donations and additional ones are still coming it. It is hoped that these contributions will substantially increase the amount thus far received. The above figure is approximately 94% of the goal for our organization, one of twenty-seven Red Feather hospitals in Metropolitan Boston.

Late gifts will be gratefully accepted and may be sent to the Community Relations office on the first floor of Baker Memorial.

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The result of improper storage of inflammable liquids in the hospital was included in the display which marked M.G.H. Safety Week, November 14 to 20. Observing is Miss Lyn Rudolph of the Blood Bank.

Finding God At Christmas Time

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the King, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him." Matt. 2:1-2.

There are so many things we want! We all want health, security, and happiness. To us health means being free of the diseases, afflictions, and miseries of mind, body and soul that we see in our patients every day. Security means working with people we like, at a job we like. Happiness means having friends we trust, family we love, and successes, comforts and joys to look forward to.

Even though we have some share of all these, Christmas Time reminds us that there is a sickness of the soul unless we have that quality in us which comes only from having found God.

A female patient at M.G.H. for three months was sick in body, mind and soul. The pain in her arms, neck and back had been so great she had been unable to work regularly. When she did work, she was often so confused she was uncertain what work she had finished. Three weeks after her discharge from the hospital, she wrote, "I know now that everyone at the M. G. H. was wonderful to me! I have found my old self again. And when I say my prayers I'm sure God hears me. I have a long way to go but I know I'm on the way." The trials and errors which this woman experienced helped her find her way.

Glorious things are found through trial and error, plus a little good luck, or a fortuitous event which perhaps should be called a happening designated by God. In 1928, Dr. Alexander Fleming, an English bacteriologist, left a culture plate uncovered in his laboratory while doing research on influenza. A bit of mold which drifted through an open window settled on the culture. The result was the discovery of penicillin. He and many others worked stubbornly and faithfully and have since given us a multitude of miracle drugs. It was an accident plus many headaches, heartaches and a lot of hard work.

We can find God by trial and error and by accident, but much more certainly we can find Him if we use the methods of the Wisemen who came from the East. We are told that after they had found the baby Jesus, "they offered him gifts, gold and frankincence and myrrh." At Christmas time we, following the example of the Wisemen, offer gifts to those we love. Gold is the symbol for wealth and all material possessions. We find God if we acknowledge that He first gave these material things to us. Frankincense, a sweet smelling perfume, is the symbol for pleasure. Myrrh is an incense once put upon the dead and symbolizes tragedy and regrets in life. If we give these into God's care we are certain to find Him at Christmas Time.

Chaplain James H. Burns

CHRISTMAS PARTY

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tee are Miss Adele Corkum, Miss Helen Daly, Miss Louise Hatch, Miss Miriam Huggard, Mrs. Raymond Kinsman, Mrs. Stephen Krane, Miss Evlynne MacMaster, Mr. William MacNair, Mr. Edmund Mattos, Miss Jane Scourtis, Miss Marjorie Shea, Miss Jessie Stewart, Miss Mathilda Wagner, Mrs. Soma Weiss and Miss Mary Ruth Wolf.

STAFF EDUCATION

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All categories of workers are in the same class whenever possible in order to avoid duplication of teaching and to develop a spirit of teamwork from the beginning of a newcomer's association with the hospital. In this manner the different workers are better able to understand what to expect of each other with regard to their respective positions.

The staff consists of Miss Mary Kelley, Mrs. Doreen Moore, and Mrs. Sarah Bickford Wall. Miss Miriam Huggard of Phillips House devotes half her time to staff education.

Included in the curriculum is a six-week course for hospital aides, an introductory course for ward helpers, and an indoctrination period for ward helpers In addition, experienced hospital aides are given supplementary training.

Little Spare Time For Secretary-Actress

In Mrs. Weymouth Somerset we have a vibrant red-haired individual who, in addition to her job at M.G.H. as secretary of the Research Committee, is an actress.

At the present time Mrs. Somerset is appearing weekly on a television series of twelve programs sponsored by the Massachusetts Health Council over Station WTAO. The thirty minute program occurs every Thursday evening at 9:00 over an ultra high frequency channel.

Mrs. Somerset's role is that of the housewife and mother of an average American family. The program, an educational one, attempts to make the public aware of such things as heart trouble, cancer, and diabetes.

Our actress, who is contributing her time and effort to the non-profit group, is not new to the dramatic field. During the summers of 1951 and 1952 Mrs. Somerset was the general manager of the summer theater in Canton, Connecticut. In this capacity she directed, acted, did publicity, and was in charge of personnel. She even designed some costumes.

Mrs. Weymouth Somerset, secretary for the Research Committee, finds free time is no problem.

Which brings us to her other talents — designing and sewing. In her spare time (of which she admits there is very little) Mrs. Somerset designs and makes some of her clothes. Right now she is trying to find time to make a leather coat. She admits it may be spring before she has the coat.

Travel Solution For Christmas Money

Your Christmas gift money may stand you in good stead for next summer's vacation—a European tour of three weeks.

Before eyebrows are raised, may we modify the above statement. It is not expected that you will receive a generous legacy for Christmas, but it doesn't take that to get to Europe today. Also, your writer is well aware of the fact that a week's leave of absence would be required in addition to the vacation of two weeks granted the majority of employees.

With these points clarified we may continue. A special plan has been offered to members of the M.G.H. family whereby they and blood relatives — spouse, parent, child, sister or brother — may travel to England, Holland, Switzerland, Austria, Italy and France for three weeks for the total sum of $555 per person.

You say a cargo boat is not for you? Well, good, for you would travel in an airplane which accommodates fifty-six passengers and spend less than two days crossing the Atlantic both ways. The primary thing which must be kept in mind is that exactly fifty-six passengers are required.

If you find the idea feasible, feel free to contact the Personnel Department for further information.

The Whys and Wherefores

Commencing with this issue, The World will attempt to answer questions submitted by old and new employees alike. All questions should be directed to the editor.

It seems fitting that we should start this column in December, for it is at this time of year people think of exchanging gifts. And it is here that a question arises.

It has been the policy of M.G.H. for employees not to accept gifts or tips from patients. The reason for this is simple enough. Our primary function as a hospital is the care and treatment of the patient. Without him, there would be little need for our organization. In other words, we would not be paid a salary if we were not expected to give service to the patient.

Similarly, we are here working together toward a common objective. We each have our individual responsibilities even though we share one goal—the best possible care of the patient.

Simply because we are co-workers we are not expected to exchange gifts at Christmas or any other time of year.

This is particularly true where it concerns the expression of best wishes to a superior. Many individuals in an office or department contribute enthusiastically to a gift for their supervisor as a small token of friendship. The thought is a fine one, but it must be remembered that the supervisor is merely doing his or her job without thought of reward.

This policy which restrains gift-giving was developed by many people over a period of years. Do not put your supervisor in an embarrassing position by presenting him with a gift. How would you feel if you had to refuse a gift which was presented to you as a token of appreciation for the job you are doing — and for which you are receiving a salary?

Almost realistic but not quite, were the scenes depicted in the student nurses' show, "Dear Diary," presented November 18 and 19 at the Museum of Science. At left are (the legs) Kathy Renehan, Joan Alfonso, Pat Allen and Lois Clarke. At right are Svea Johanson, Elizabeth Svagzdys and Polly Jacques. The profit of $450 will benefit the students' yearbook.

No Excuse—Great Books Available To All

We all have, at one time or another, said that we must read this or that book, but somehow time passes and we find that we have not accomplished this reading. Perhaps these books are not included in your own collection; perhaps the local library is not conviently located. Whatever the reason, you will be glad to know (if you do not already) that many of the world's best in literature can be obtained in the Warren Library in the Bulfinch basement.

The following list may include some of the books which you had always intended to read:

Rights of Man	Paine
Anna Karenina	Tolstoy
Moby Dick	Melville
Henry Esmond	Thackery
Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court	Twain
Humphrey Clinker	Smollett
Works	Virgil
Old Curiosity Shop	Dickens
Tristram Shandy	Sterne
Far From the Madding Crowd	Hardy
House of Seven Gables	Hawthorne
Canterbury Tales	Chaucer

Our Volunteers

Behold, I do not give lectures or a
little charity,
When I give I give myself.
—Walt Whitman
Song of Myself

Few of the cherry-clad figures who go about their assignments at M.G.H. realize they are fulfilling the action so well expressed by one of our greatest poets. Truly, these individuals —the M.G.H. volunteers—give themselves when they give their time and effort to the hospital.

The Volunteer Department of approximately 300 individuals is made up of members of the Ladies' Visiting Committee, the American Red Cross, the Staff Wives, individuals of various occupations, and housewives. The colleges and universities in the area are well represented by the number of students who contribute their time to M.G.H. There are several volunteers from the Junior League of Boston. Although most of the volunteers are women, we do have twelve men who donate their services.

Many Have Full Time Jobs

Not all volunteers are housewives and students with flexible hours. Many volunteers are employed full time here or elsewhere, yet find time to give a few hours a week to the hospital. During the month of November, the volunteers gave approximately 1,050 hours of service to the hospital each week. Despite weather and travel conditions, these people manage to get to their assignments. One individual travels approximately sixty-six miles a day twice a week to her assignment.

Activities Greatly Varied

The activities which these persons pursue throughout the hospital vary almost as much as the positions of salaried personnel. They can be seen at all hours of the day and evening assisting in the admitting, care, and transportation of patients. They can be found in occupational therapy, the day nursery, clinics, laboratories and offices. Some positions, first filled by volunteers, have never been salaried jobs.

The Volunteer Department, although not formally organized as such until 1941, had its early beginnings in 1905 in the Out-Patient Department. Since then it has grown steadily.

A few years before, however, in 1869, a small committee was appointed by the trustees of the hospital to look into "the subject of having female visitors to visit the female wards." They reported that "We are able to think of no objection to the plan, except that the Hospital is very well managed as it is and that it seems unwise to disturb what is satisfactory. But it seems to us that, although the Hospital is about as well managed as men can manage it, it may be found that, with the help of judicious women, it may be managed better. . . ."

Left: Volunteer Miss Mildred Stearns introduces patient to Miss Christine Mekkelsen, admitting nurse in the White Building.

Bottom left: Information from a donor in the Blood Bank is taken by Miss Blanche Houlahan.

Bottom right: Mrs. Mary Rush keeps youngsters amused.

Experiment Successful

Needless to say, the experiment was so successful that all wards, male and female, became the province of the committee. Thus the Ladies' Visiting Committee was established.

The primary purpose of this group is still the visiting of the sick in the hospital with special attention to those who come from a distance and, therefore, have few or no visitors.

The Ladies' Visiting Committee has always been interested in financing pioneer projects that meet with the approval of the hospital administration and for which, when their worth is proved, the hospital later assumes full responsibility. The Social Service, Occupational Therapy and Volunteer Departments owe their existence to the Ladies' Visiting Committee and continue to receive special cooperation of the group.

The group works closely with the Warren Library and the Chapel. It undertakes the furnishing and redecoration of various rooms throughout the hospital. In addition, the General Store is operated under the auspices of the committee, and the net profits are used entirely for the benefit of the hospital.

Assignments Vary

Many of the positions which the volunteers assume require specific qualifications and experience. This is particularly true with individuals who are nurses' aides and secretaries. We have here at the present time a nurse, a laboratory technician and a person who assists in the teaching of arts and crafts to adults and children. Naturaly, only people with the proper training and experience are able to fill these assignments.

The majority of the volunteers, however, are taught the various functions of the assignment they will perform through on-the-job training. The length of time necessary for training depends upon the job.

Requests for volunteer help usually come from the different departments. However, the types of assignments are not limited to these requests. Many openings become available only when qualified individuals appear at the Volunteer Department and offer their service.

An essential basis of the teamwork necessary for the best possible care of the patient is the department's belief that a volunteer should be satisfied with the type of work she is doing.

Age Irrelevant

The age of the volunteer is of little consequence; it is her spirit which is the essential factor. As a result, the ages of the volunteers vary greatly.

There are twenty-one volunteers who have over ten years of service and thirty-four individuals who have over five years of service. There are many people who have given their time to M.G.H. for a longer period of time, but adequate records were not kept until 1941 when the Volunteer Department, as we know it today, was organized.

Our volunteers' spirit of giving is not limited to Christmas — it continues through the year.

Reception For Volunteers

Personnel and staff members were invited to meet Miss Mary Ruth Wolf, the newly appointed Director of the Volunteer Service, and volunteers at a tea on Wednesday afternoon, December 1, in the East Dining Room.

Miss Wolf assumed her duties as the volunteer head on October 4.

Student Winner Of Hazard Hunt

Miss Jane Hollar, student of the M.G.H. School of Nursing, was the winner of the Hazard Hunt Contest which was sponsored by the Safety Committee of the hospital.

Miss Hollar was awarded $5.00 for naming the greatest number of hazards found throughout the hospital and for suggesting solutions for the elimination of the danger spots which might result in accidents.

Official Change

The name of the Out-Patient Department has been officially changed to the Clinics of the Massachusetts General Hospital and the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Right: Patient transportation is an important function of the Volunteer Service. Here we see Mrs. Arthur Thiessen.

Bottom left: Martin Adler, volunteer, and Miss Dorothy Dale, head nurse in the Emergency Ward, assist a patient.

Bottom right: Mrs. John Millar, Miss Jane Mackeen, Miss Mary Ruth Wolf, Director of Volunteers, Martin Adler, and Mrs. Evelyn Clark enjoy chatting in their lounge. The room is furnished by the Ladies Visiting Committee.

ABOUT FOLKS

Nursing

Wedding bells have been sounding for:

Miss Joan Sughrue of Anesthesia to Mr. William Dunlevy on November 11.

Miss Veronica Byrne, former evening supervisor in the White Building, on November 20.

Miss Mary Ann Prowell, assistant head nurse on Baker 8, to **Dr. Harvey Rothberg** on November 25.

Miss Sally Bickford, instructor of hospital aides, to **Mr. Roy E. Wall** of the Medical Arts Department.

Miss Jean Morgan, assistant head nurse on Baker 6 to Mr. William Smith.

Miss Winifred Boucher, head nurse on White 8, to Mr. James Witt.

We hear of the appointments of:

Miss Gertrude Parkhurst as administrative supervisor of Vincent 2 and 3.

Mrs. Margaret Mary Woods as administrative supervisor of Burnham 4, 5, and 6.

Mrs. Frances Curtis as instructor in surgical nursing. She is succeeding Miss Lucille Macbeth who left to be married.

Miss Ruth Poules as admitting nurse in the Baker Memorial.

Mrs. Frances Portnoy as part time instructor in the Nursing Arts Department.

Sarah Rowley

Medical Records

It is with regret that we announce the resignation of **Geraldine Norton,** who has accepted a position with a private physician.

Daniel J. Connors has been transferred from Central Dispatch to our Correspondence Section.

We are sorry to report the death of **Henry J. Chin** who passed away on November 6 after a short illness.

Enid Squire

Laboratories

Congratulations to **Barbara Graham** and **Tama Ishihara,** formerly of the Bacteriology Lab. They each had a baby daughter.

A new member of the Chemistry Lab is **Dr. Julio Mendizabal** of Argentina.

Miss Inga Mensen is engaged to Dr. Jack Lyons. They plan a spring wedding in Denmark.

Our best wishes to **Miss Mary Faherty** of Baker Lab upon her recent marriage to **Dr. Gustavo Mogollon** of the Pathology Department.

Jeanne Russell

Eye and Ear Infirmary

In the Social Service Department, **Mrs. Stella Kantor** has replaced Miss Jean Dunn, who left to be married. The Infirmary welcomes back **Mrs. Helen Kirwin,** also of this department, after her recent illness. Mrs. Kirwin will complete 33 years of service at the Infirmary this year.

Miss Sophie Marcus of the Anesthesia Department returned recently from her birthplace, London, England, where she had been visiting for three months. She reports having had a pleasant vacation, but is glad to be back. Miss Marcus has been employed in the Eye and Ear Infirmary since she came from England 26 years ago.

In the Nursing Department, **Mrs. David Murray** has been added to the staff on the third floor, and **Miss Marie Courtney** is now on the day staff of the Children's Ward.

Mr. Richard Taylor is the new orderly on the fourth floor.

Miss Barbara Miller is replacing **Mrs. Jacqueline Powell** in the Medical Records Department, and **Miss Margaret Paton** is now employed in the Secretaries' Office. A recent departure was **Miss Marilyn Chase,** formerly secretary in the Nursing Department, who left to take a position at the Anna Jacques Hospital in Newburyport, Mass.

Miss Phyllis Brown, R.N., of the fourth floor staff, has returned after a very enjoyable vacation in New Orleans.

Maureen O'Brien

Accounting

Mrs. Lucy Burnap has just returned from a vacation in Florida and looks rested and tanned.

We have a new grandmother in the Tabulating Department. **Mrs. Louise O'Donnell's** daughter recently gave birth to a baby boy.

We're glad to see **Mr. Larry Martin** back on the job after a brief illness.

Judy Laughton of Tabulating is recovering nicely from a tonsillectomy.

That's all for now, children, be good and drive carefully during the Christmas Season, the life you save may be that of Santa Claus.

Joseph McCue

X-Ray

November 27 was both birthday and wedding day of **Miss Agnes Devaney** and her groom Mr. Richard Brewin.

Social Service

Miss Janet MacPherson is now the social worker for the Family Health Program. In November, Miss MacPherson visited three hospitals which offered various types of family health programs: the New York Hospital and the Montefiore Hospital in New York, and the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

A new secretary in the central office is **Miss Barbara Tasker.**

Recently **Mrs. Jessie Straus,** formerly a supervisor in the Social Service Department, had her first child, Walter Lee.

Phoebe Cover

Dietary Tidbits

The American Dietetic Association to which all of our staff dietitians belong held its annual meeting in Philadelphia this year. From all reports it was quite a meeting. Into a very busy schedule 42 past and present dietitians of M. G. H. found time to fit a reunion dinner.

Here are a few happy items concerning members of our department:

Ben Springer is no longer in the hospital.

Mr. Gates, husband of Mrs. Leila Gates of White Diet Kitchen is O. K. now. His illness closely followed her recovery from an accident.

Frank Biel and **Marie Mansell** who left the M. G. H. for awhile are back again in Baker Memorial. Welcome back, Frank and Marie.

Clarence Shanks, truckman in Baker, is an enthusiastic member of the American Legion and a veteran of World War I. Clarence paraded with the Legion this year on November 11 as he has in past years.

Kit Carson, cook in the White Kitchen and well known to most of us, is spending his leave of absence vacationing in Florida.

Rosemary Buonopane of Nurses' Cafeteria has a new assignment. She is learning to be a diet aide and is working in Bulfinch.

Henry Frankenberger of White Kitchen is a long time member of both the Masonic Lodge and the Odd Fellows. Just lately he received a medal from the Odd Fellows commemorating fifty years' membership. We have heard that Henry has always taken a very active part in the social work for which these lodges are so well known.

Frances Harvey

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Nursing Department Initiates New Exchange Visitor Program

Foreign nurses may now come to M.G.H. on a working scholarship and participate in a more complete educational program than that which was offered previously. The Exchange Visitor Program of the Nursing Department was set up in response to the requests of foreign nurses who wish to come to the United States and to the M.G.H. in order to observe and study current nursing and medical practices in this country.

The Exchange Visitor Program is not to be confused with the employment of foreign nurses who are working here and who have an immigration visa. This program is intended for the foreign nurse who wishes to come here to study in her particular field for a limited period but who is unable to withdraw sufficient funds to maintain herself when she leaves her country.

Program Geared to Individual Needs

The value of the foreign nurse to M.G.H. is dependent upon her particular background which includes language, past nursing experience, and her basic nursing education.

Each visitor is considered individually; her assignment geared to suit her particular capabilities, and the educational program planned to meet and satisfy her needs and interests.

Only For Experienced Nurses

Applicants interested in the exchange program are screened by the American Nurses' Association. These individuals are people who have worked a few years; they are not recent graduates.

Despite the great number of requests from nurses the world over, the hospital's quota at each entrance period—in February, May and October—is limited to eight students. Generally, no more than one exchange visitor is assigned to a ward.

Each visitor on this program is here for a six-month period. During that time, with the exception of a week's

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Joseph Degan New Assistant Director

Mr. Joseph W. Degan, newly appointed Assistant Director, assumed his duties at M.G.H. on December 16.

A graduate of the Stevens Institute of Technology, Mr. Degan comes to us with twelve years' experience at the Presbyterian Hospital in New York where he was an administrative assistant.

Piano Boon To Operetta Rehearsals

The many operetta enthusiasts present at the first meeting of the year on January 4 of the M.G.H. Operetta Company had a boon in a grand piano which has been loaned to the hospital for an indefinite period by Dr. and Mrs. Walter S. Burrage.

Weekly rehearsals, under the direction of Miss Margot Warner, have been underway in the Moseley Rotunda in preparation of the group's sixth annual production which this year will be "The Mikado." The casting of principals is not yet complete.

Individuals interested in any phase of the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta may still join the company. Contact the Personnel Department if you are interested in singing, publicity, costumes, scenery, make-up, or orchestra.

HELP THE MARCH OF DIMES

YULE PARTY ENJOYED BY ALL

Climax of Christmas Activities

The holiday activities of M.G.H. were climaxed on December 22 by the Family Christmas Party which was attended by almost 1000 staff members and personnel and more than 425 children.

Entertainer Bob Mundstedt captivated the younger set at the Children's Party in the Moseley Rotunda with magic, accordion, "spoofmeter," and Punch and Judy acts. Candy and toys were distributed to each child by Santa Claus (Everett Gray of Maintenance) and Mrs. Claus (Florence MacKinnon of Dietary). Laden with gifts and balloons, the children were served refreshments in the Brick Corridor.

Dr. Perry J. Culver was master of ceremonies of the variety show which took place in the Nurses' Dining Room. After Dr. Dean Clark, General Director, extended his greetings to the adults, Miss Margaret Crane conducted the Bell Ringers. They included Miss Sara Abbott, Miss Daphne Corbett, Miss Katherine Hardeman, Miss Edna Lepper, Miss Lillian Moulton and Miss Ruth Sleeper.

The audience was greatly amused with original musical ditties and story of "The Mice in White" by Mr. Francis W. Hatch, a member of the Board of Trustees.

Students of the Household Nursing Association — Misses Ann Bourlessas, Pat Cook, Josephine Cooper, Sally Day, Gloria Ferullo, Dorothy Gordon, Betty Lynch, Carol Pratt, Irma Peters, Muriel McNeil, Evelyn McMurrough, Cora Reid, Virginia Simpson and Janet Spinner — provided the singing of carols.

The climax of the show was a skit entitled "Breeze from the Hills" in which Dr. Charles Clay played Uncle Cassius and Dr. Dean Clark, Miss Helen Daly, Dr. Donald Martin, Miss Georgia Parnell, Mr. Walter Steward and Mrs. Barbara Wellington played themselves.

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We Admit This

Getting out a paper is fun, but it's no picnic.

If we print jokes, people say we are silly. If we don't they say we are too serious.

If we clip things from other magazines, we are too lazy to write them ourselves. If we don't, we are too fond of our own stuff.

If we don't print contributions, we don't appreciate true genius. If we do print them, the page is filled with rubbish.

Now, like as not, someone will say we swiped this from some other paper. We did!

The Whys and Wherefores

Parking Situation Not Eased By Grumbling

One of the things which gives M.G.H. staff members and employees who are car owners many headaches is our parking situation.

Unfortunately, there are more people who would like to park their cars on the grounds than there are facilities in which to accommodate them. The problem arising from this situation is great, and one to which there is no visible solution which will satisfy everyone.

Dr. Charles L. Clay, Assistant Director, explains that a general rule regarding the use of the hospital parking facilities does not exist; each situation must be carefully investigated. The factors which enter into the picture are many—geographical location, family situation, health, hours of work—all must be considered before a decision is reached. And Dr. Clay is the person who makes the decision.

The distance from the hospital at which a person lives is determined by the available public transportation facilities. If you get to work on a bus, train or streetcar in an hour or less, you are not eligible for a parking permit. There are exceptions to the rule, however. For instance, there is an individual who must drive her child to a nursery school which is located a few miles from her home in the opposite direction of the hospital. Public transportation might suffice, but the time involved would not allow her to get to work at a reasonable hour. Another exception might be a person who lives within reasonable distance of public transportation but because of a health hazard it is preferable that he drive to work.

In order to facilitate matters, the various parking lots are used by different groups. The lot on Parkman Street is reserved for the doctors on the visiting staff, trustees and members of the Ladies Visiting Committee. The yards on Charles and North Grove Streets are used by clinical fellows (doctors not on the visiting staff), and employees. Employees may park in the Allen Street yard also. Residents may park their cars in the Cambridge Street Garage.

Individuals who do not have a parking permit and who wish to drive their cars to the hospital may rent space from the Cambridge Street Garage for $7.50 a month. An alternative course — parking on any neighboring street — may result with the individual getting a ticket.

The parking situation is one which is felt by every M.G.H. car owner. It is too optimistic to hope that the situation will be alleviated in the near future — particularly when statistics show an increase in the number of car owners.

We are asked to be understanding. Since everyone who owns a car cannot use the parking facilities, it is only fair that those who have the greatest need have the use of our limited areas. Let's grin and bear it.

Round Table Meets At M.G.H.

Mr. Harold Dunlap, director of work simplification at H. P. Hood and Sons, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Hospital Personnel Directors' Round Table which was held in the Trustees' Room on January 20. Mr. Dunlap's topic was "Work Simplification."

The Personnel Round Table of which Miss Catherine Yevic, Assistant Personnel Director, is the president, is made up of representatives from hospitals in the Greater Boston area.

EXCHANGE PROGRAM

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orientation program upon her arrival, she is assigned to a particular ward. For example, if her work has been in orthopedics, she is assigned to the orthopedic ward. However, she is allowed time off the ward for attending grand rounds to which nurses are invited, and field trips to community agencies. Observation of hospital departments, workshops, institutes and conventions is encouraged as part of her educational experience.

Periodic Reports

The exchange visiting nurse submits a weekly report of her educational activities to an assistant director of nursing. In this she reports the educational activities she has attended within or outside of the hospital each week. It is expected that two to four hours of her "on duty" time be occupied in this manner. In addition to these, the exchange nurse submits a personal evaluation of the program after two months' experience and after five months' experience.

A progress report of the visiting nurse is made every two months by the nurse in charge of the ward to which the student is assigned. This includes such things as the visitor's proficiency of the English language, her professional competence, her attitude toward the educational plan available to her, and her methods in gaining information through her own initiative.

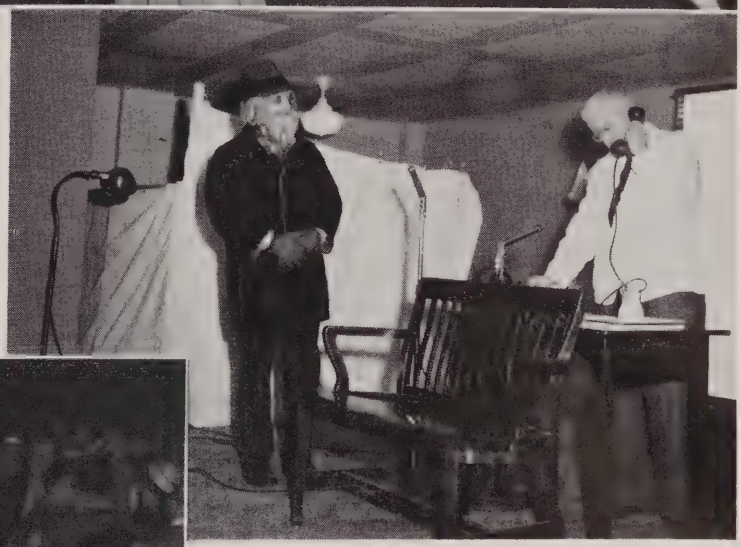
Emphasis on Education

Although M.G.H. has had a program for foreign nurses for several years, educational activities of the individual were not emphasized to the degree to which they are under this revised program.

Furthermore, each member of the nursing staff has a share in this program as a representative of American culture and as a fellow nurse working to improve world health.

THE M. G. H. FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Above: Dancing in the Moseley Rotunda.



Above: Dr. Charles Clay as Uncle Cassius and Mr. Walter Steward as himself in a scene from "Breeze from the Hills."

Left: A refreshing pause between dances.

ALLEY TALLIES

After a two-week Christmas vacation, it appears that the Refrigeration team, with only one night of bowling remaining in the first half of the season, will hold on to the first place title. We all agree that Captain Gray's coaching and style has licked the best of us. One of Refrigeration's better bowlers, John Murphy, has topped the high single by bowling a smooth 132.

Special mention goes to Pete Antonio from the Pharmacy for his unexpected and surprising 131.

George Boyce, who has dropped from the league because of doctor's orders, is now giving the league moral support from White 5-B.

Looking over the league, we notice many improvements in various teams. The Eye & Ear team has strengthened itself considerably and the Housekeeping team is far from being a "push-over." The Maintenance team and the Print Shop, sparked by Mal McLean (Sportsman of the Year) and Joe St. Pierre, respectively, are holding their own. On the other hand, the Electricians have come up with a powerful team, which shows much promise. Pharmacy is still right on Gray's tail, causing him much worry (thanks to the fine bowling of Dave Catalano, a new member this year).

All in all, predicting for the next half of the season, we see a very tight league and many close games. This of course means that everyone will have to be "on the ball."

Russ and Pete

YULE PARTY

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The group joined the dancers in the Moseley Rotunda where Herbie Sulkin and his orchestra provided music until midnight.

Dr. Ropes Honored For Best Parking

Dr. Marian Ropes, Associate Physician in Medicine, was awarded a prize by Mr. George Hamilton, guard of the Parkman Street Yard, for the best parking during 1954.

Mr. Hamilton, who has been with M.G.H. for twenty-three years, has selected for the past four years an individual who best conforms to the regulations of parking in the hospital lot. Previous winners are Dr. Helen Pittman, Dr. Sylvester Kelley, and Dr. Walter Gregg.

Not exactly a geyser, but an impressive sight, nevertheless, was that of the tennis court being flooded for skating.

That Wandering Setter!

Sure, there's no place like home, but a fella gets tired of hanging around — he likes to wander about, see the sights, lunch with pretty girls, etc.

And this is the short, short story of Rusty, seven and a half year old Irish Setter who belongs to Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Simon of Brookline.

It seems that Rusty is typical of his breed; he likes to be near the water. As a result, he takes long walks to Revere and Winthrop for a whiff of salty air, or trots along the Charles River, and may be found having lunch or taking a nap at Harvard, M.I.T., the Metropolitan District Police Station, or M.G.H.

In addition to his restlessness, Rusty is a born actor. This was well proven the day he was found in the White Lobby and taken to the Personnel Department where he immediately collapsed to the floor. Members of the department patted him sympathetically, thinking him lost, hungry and tired. The police were notified; owners were notified, and Mr. Willis Lowe, head of the Research Animal Farm, was called to the scene. After carefully examining the dog, Mr. Lowe suddenly snapped: "All right, now get up and go home!" And Rusty did just that. (What an embarrassing moment for the individuals in the department!)

Since then we have discovered that Rusty spends quite a bit of his time at Phillips House (it's no wonder he now ignores Personnel). His mistress, when notified, dutifully picks him up or requests that he be sent home — by cab no less. Needless to say, Rusty is well known by the drivers of the Red Cab Company.

After talking to Mrs. Simon, who has had Rusty from the time he was five and a half weeks old, it seems that he has no particular reason for coming to M.G.H. other than that he likes the way we treat him. (We fall for his act.)

Mrs. Simon admits that Rusty is a terrific expense . . . "but the children are so fond of him."

So if you happen to see an Irish Setter wandering about aimlessly, just tell him to "go home" — and he most likely will.

"Concerts On Film" Benefit Scholarship Fund

A program of "Concerts on Film" was presented by the M.G.H. nurses on Wednesday evening, January 26, in the Moseley Rotunda for the benefit of the Chinju School of Nursing in Korea. The proceeds will be used for a scholarship fund which will enable Korean nurses to get further training at M.G.H.

Included in the films were selections of Chopin played by Artur Rubenstein, famous arias by Jan Peerce and Nadine Connor, and operatic scenes interpreted by Eugene Conley and Elen Dosia.

The spirit of Christmas resounded throughout M.G.H. as carolers sung in the White Lobby to the organ and violin accompaniment of Mrs. Helen Cushing and Miss Hope Wright, respectively.

Now Is The Time To Fill Out Income Tax Returns

When it comes to making out tax returns most of us operate on the time-honored principle: "Never do today what can be put off until tomorrow." Then we look at the calendar one day and discover that "tomorrow" is April 15, the Day of Reckoning for the average taxpayer.

This not only runs up the electric light bill for that all-night figuring session on April 14, but, says the American Institute of Accountants, it also may enrich the federal treasury at the taxpayer's expense. The reason? Haste makes waste—waste of possible tax savings.

If you want to give yourself the best possible break on your federal income tax, file early, prepare your return carefully, and save your records — receipts, cancelled checks, etc. — to back up your deductions. And, if you find Uncle Sam owes you money, early filing means a quicker refund.

Do you recognize yourself in any of these situations?

The Long And The Short Of It

Lazy Louis takes the easy way out. He signs his name to the simplified Form 1040A and lets the government figure out his tax for him. He saves three hours and loses $30 that he could have cut from his tax by taking all his deductions. Thrifty Theresa lists all her deductions on Long Form 1040 and gets a refund check that comes in mighty handy after Christmas shopping. Clever Carl knows that the tax table (which allows about 10% for charity, interest, taxes, medical expenses, etc.) gives him a lower tax than he would get by figuring his actual deductions, so he uses the Short Form 1040.

Matrimonial Bliss

Newlywed Nat was so excited he forgot to notify his employer of one additional withholding tax exemption until three months after the marriage. He won't lose anything, however, because he'll get credit for all the withholding when he files his return. Also, he and his wife will each get a $600 personal exemption. They are filing a joint—the best procedure for most couples.

A joint return would be no help, however, to Healthy Harry and Ailing Alice. Each had an income; Harry $5,000 and Alice $4,000. Alice had $1,400 medical expenses and Harry had $500 deductible expenses of other types. On a joint return they could claim only $950 for medical expenses (1,400 less 5% of her income). Instead they are filing separate returns and Alice will deduct $1,200 for medical expenses (1,400 less 5% of her income), for a saving of $61.50 on their total tax bill. They worked it out both ways, before filing, to see which would be cheaper.

Split-second Sally presented her husband with twins just before the stroke of midnight on December 31. Her timing was excellent, because the New Year's Eve babies each provided a $600 exemption for the couple on their 1954 tax. If the twins had been born just after midnight the exemption would not have applied until the 1955 tax.

Exemption For Dependents

Lucky Larry is claiming a $600 exemption for his daughter, although she has been working since November. He can do this because she earned less than $600 in 1954 and Larry provided more than half her support for the year. For a dependency exemption to be allowed the dependent must also (1) not be claimed as an exemption in a joint return with her husband (or his wife), (2) be either a United States citizen or a resident of the U.S., Canada, or Mexico, and (3) be closely related to the taxpayer, as defined in the tax instructions.

For additional information and help, contact the Department of Internal Revenue at 174 Ipswich Street or 7 Beacon Street.

Want Ads (Good For a Chuckle)

Lost: An umbrella belonging to a gentleman with a curiously-carved head.

House for Rent: Suitable for small family that has been recently papered and painted.

Wanted: Young man who can take care of horses with a religious turn of mind.

For Sale: Pony suitable for a lady without vicious habits and quiet in harness.

For Sale: Violin, by a young man in good condition, except for a loose peg in the head.

Pontiac General Hospital "Reflections"

ABOUT FOLKS

Nursing

Mrs. Julia Defenderfer, former medical supervisor, has returned in a part time capacity to work on the simplification of nursing procedures.

Formerly a hospital aide, **Mrs. Marjorie Gillespie** is now a floor secretary on Bulfinch 3.

Miss Mary Lehto, staff nurse on Burnham 6 became Mrs. Frank Case on New Year's Day.

We've heard of the engagements of **Miss Ruth Bouzan,** staff nurse on Baker 3; **Miss Elizabeth Doyle,** head nurse on White 6, **Miss Rose Mirabelle,** hospital aide on White 6; and **Miss Ruth Needham,** head nurse on Bulfinch 7.

Our welcome to the new students of the Household Nursing Association who started with us recently.

Sarah Rowley

Christmas for **Mrs. Agnes Przybielska,** hospital aid on White 11, was a particularly merry one. Her son, Benon, a student at Columbia University, was home for the holidays.

Mr. Leslie McAfee, also an aide on White 11, spent the Christmas holidays at Duryea, Pennsylvania, with friends. He had the opportunity to visit friends at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital.

Mr. Wilfred Cloutier of the General Appliance Room, who has been a patient in Bulfinch, went home for Christmas, but has returned for further treatment. We hope his recovery will be a speedy one.

Hugh Heney

Housekeeping

We would like to welcome **Mr. Philip Quinn** to the supervisory staff.

Mr. Michael Boyajian, a porter on Moseley 1, retired after twenty-one years of service with M.G.H.

Mr. Eudokim Golembiowski of Bulfinch 3 is recuperating at home after an eye operation performed at the Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Mr. William MacNair has been invited to be on a panel at the New England Hospital Assembly at the Hotel Statler on March 28. Housekeeping problems will be discussed.

The department bowling team, after a slow start, is hoping to make a better showing in the remainder of the season. The team members feel that with a few good nights it could become a race down to the wire.

We would like to welcome back **Mrs. Dorothea Penney** who works at Bartlett Hall. She had been ill for six months.

Joseph Doherty

Eye and Ear Infirmary

The Work Simplification program has been in operation now for over a year. **Miss Mary E. Shepard,** Director of Nursing Education, says, "We hope that its principles are being applied for the benefit of the hospital, and also to make work easier and more fun for the individual. When these days we hear someone say, 'I often find myself thinking WHY in connection with what I am doing, both here and at home,' it is good, for work simplification is an attitude that can be applied to all phases of life."

These are a few of the things that have come from the work simplification program: **Mrs. Belle Roberts** eliminated the folding of clean linen for the ward closets and saved one and a half hours per day. **Mrs. Patricia Huddleston** changed the layout for Occupational Therapy equipment; now, when she wants to teach a patient to make a belt, she can pick up all the equipment she needs from one spot. **Miss Phyllis Brown** started a new system for distributing parking permits which has saved countless hours in telephone calls and in hunting up registration numbers, etc. **Miss Mary Evangelista** and **Miss Marion Decker** have started an improved medicine card system, which is now in the trial period. They have also rearranged their practice in checking their diet boards.

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Several members of the Infirmary's Social Service Department attended sessions of the Massachusetts Conference of Social Workers, held this month in Boston. The institutes held on December 7 were attended by **Mrs. Ruth Adair, Miss Emilie Farnsworth, Mrs. Irma Feldman, Mrs. Elizabeth Russell,** and **Miss Sylvia Seigel.** Sectional meetings were held on the following two days, and attended by **Miss Madeline Shipsey,** who helped plan the program on "The Child Who is Different;" **Miss Isabel Whiting,** Director of Social Service; **Mrs. Stella Cantor, Miss Emilie Farnsworth** and **Miss Mary Love.**

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In the Nursing Department, **Miss Nancy Burgess,** assistant head nurse on the second floor is being replaced by **Mrs. C. Plouff. Miss Ingrid Heller** is now a secretary in this department.

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The Occupational Therapy Department has added **Miss Mary Newhall** to its staff. Miss Newhall comes from Sacramento, California, where she has been working with cerebral palsy patients.

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Miss Patricia Sullivan is replacing Miss Katherine MacMillan as secretary in the Ocular Motility Clinic. "Ocular Motility" is the name recently given to the Orthoptic Clinic in order to eliminate confusing it with the Orthopedic Clinic.

The Secretaries' Office welcomes back **Miss Theresa Indresano** after her long absence because of illness.

Maureen O'Brien

Medical Records

Five engagement announcements in the last few months! The latest are: **Gayle Citron** to Wilbur Pulin of Hartford, Connecticut, and **Mary Lynskey** to Donald McCormack of Dorchester. There are no immediate wedding plans.

Shirley Klotz, who worked for eight years as an analyzer of records, left January 8 for Los Angeles where she is visiting friends. Her stay will be indefinite.

Enid Squire

Accounting

Recent engagements include those of **Miss Judy Laughton** of Tabulating to Mr. Hyman Rosen and **Miss Marie Cumming** of the Clinics Cashiers to Mr. Buddy Rogers.

Congratulations . . . it's a baby girl, Kathleen Ann, for Mr. and **Mrs. Ronald Dickie.**

Joseph McCue

Pharmacy

Santa Clauses everywhere, and the improvised Santa Claus **John Colloccini** of the Pharmacy Christmas Party, which was hosted by **Thelma Lezberg** and **Alice Comeau,** was one of the best. Even **Bob Ciampa's** Dancer and **Jerry Simonelli's** Prancer were something never to be forgotten. Everyone received a wonderful gift from a friend. A former employee of the department, **Bob Surabian,** won first prize for guessing the number of enteric coated tablets in a flask. As a climax to the party, traditional carols were sung to **Helen Hunnefield's** piano playing.

David Kazaka

Odds and Ends

Our congratulations to **Dr. Wilma Canada,** Resident in Radiology, and **Mr. Jack Diner,** medical art student, upon their engagement.

Mr. Peter Anastos retired after twenty-four years of service in Baker Dietary.

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EUROPEAN TRIP GOAL OF MANY

March 15 Decision Deadline

Many employees and staff members of M.G.H. and the Eye and Ear Infirmary are making plans for a three-week trip to Europe during the month of September. The countries included in their itinerary are England, Holland, Switzerland, Italy and France, it was announced recently by the Personnel Department.

Individuals who are interested in taking the trip must reach a decision by March 15, the latest date on which deposits will be accepted.

Group Plan Offers Much

All expenses of the tour are included at the rate of $665. In addition to the transportation to and from Europe by plane, first class local steamers, second class rail transportation, grade B hotels with semi-private accommodations, all meals, gratuities, and local taxes are included in the total cost. Furthermore, an experienced guide conductor will accompany the group from the beginning to the end of the trip.

An M.G.H. First

M.G.H. is the first hospital to make such a plan available to its personnel. Group traveling, however, is not new. The company through which arrangements are being made for our personnel has sponsored similar tours for employees of the Prudential Insurance Company, Westinghouse Corporation, National Lutheran Council and the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania.

No Comparison

The price of $665 for a trip of this kind is difficult to beat. On any standard airline, the tourist class round trip fare to Paris is $549. For $116 more, all of the above are provided.

The itinerary has been received with great enthusiasm. Guided tours from each of the principal cities visited will be included in each city. Three days will be spent in London and Paris, two days in Amsterdam and Rome, and about a day in Lucerne, Montreux and Florence.

The remaining time will be spent traveling from one city to another. For example, the group will travel by overnight ferry service from England to Holland. From Amsterdam, they will proceed by rail to Cologne, the Rhine and the Black Forest to Bale and Lucerne. In this way they will be able to see a great deal of the countryside.

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Mrs. Henry Bliss, newly elected chairman of the Ladies' Visiting Committee.

New Chairman For Ladies' Visiting Committee

Recently elected chairman of the Ladies' Visiting Committee was Mrs. Henry Bliss. Mrs. Bliss succeeds Mrs. Augustus Thorndike, who held the position for approximately four years.

Mrs. Reginald Jenney, Mrs. Morrill Wiggin, Mrs. Walter Tobey and Mrs. Thayer Addison are the new vice-chairman, treasurer, recording secretary and corresponding secretary, respectively.

Although the primary purpose of the Ladies' Visiting Committee is the visiting of patients, they participate in many activities throughout M.G.H. and sponsor the General Store.

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Present at the first Red Cross nurses' aide capping at M.G.H. were, front, left to right: Catherine O'Keefe, Mrs. Loring Goodale and Mrs. John Wilson, vice-chairmen of nurses' aide service, Miss Irja Hill, class instructor, Aileen Tiihonen and Elizabeth Crocker. Rear: Dorothy DioGuardi, Mildred DeMinico, Mary Hynes, Angela Indrisano, Miriam Cullen, Ann Celani, Patricia Salvatore and Concetta DeMinico.

Here Are The Facts

The Massachusetts General Hospital is the largest hospital in the Whole World—according to some of its employees. At least it's the largest in the United States, they will claim if you disillusion them on the first point. Sorry, wrong again. It must be the largest hospital in Boston, they challenge as a last resort. Well—no. Only in the hearts of some of its employees does M.G.H. assume such gigantic proportions. Second largest in Boston? Well—no. Third largest? YES!

For the benefit of the few traitors who might have some inexplicable interest in knowing which hospital in Boston does come first in size, the facts are as follows: Boston State, with 3,100 beds and 906 paid personnel leads the field, and Boston City with its 2,306 beds and 3,483 paid personnel comes second.

Trailing the field comes the Veterans Administration Hospital with 903 beds, Children's Medical with 476, the New England Deaconess with 375 and Massachusetts Memorial with 360.

Here at the M.G.H. we have 966 beds, 2,450 paid personnel, 627 interns, residents and students, and an average of 21,300 admissions per year, making us the third largest hospital in Boston —the hub of the Medical World. With native pride, Bostonians can point out that there are more doctors (3,338), more specialists (1,887), more medical schools, more hospitals and more hospital beds per person and more money spent per capita on public, private, health and welfare services than any other American city! Boston's trio of medical schools—Boston University, Harvard and Tufts—combined with their near unique relationship with local hospitals makes Boston the major focal point of the medical scene.

Red Cross Aides Capped

A capping ceremony of Red Cross nurses' aides in the M.G.H. Chapel on Friday evening, January 21, marked the completion of an 80-hour training course for twelve young women.

After an invocation by Chaplain James Burns, Miss Irja Hill of the Nursing Department and instructor of the aides, introduced speakers Mr. Edmund R. Mattos, Assistant Director; Miss Edna Lepper, Associate Director of Nursing Service; and Miss Mary Ruth Wolfe, Director of the Volunteer Department.

Miss Lepper stated that the occasion marked three "firsts." The total number of twelve, equal to that of the first M.G.H. School of Nursing graduates, was the first Red Cross class to have its capping exercises in our hospital. Also, it was the first time the chapel was used for this type of ceremony.

Caps and certificates were presented to the volunteer aides by Mrs. Loring Goodale, vice-chairman of nurses' aides of the Boston Metropolitan Chapter of Red Cross.

The Whys and Wherefores

Change Your Address

Michael G. Henry has been at M.G.H. now, nigh on to 29 years. A good steady employee, he is liked by his supervisors and fellow workers. However, Mike has one fault—a disease for which there is no known cure. Mike has the wanderlust. He has lived at 29 different addresses since his first year here. He is now buying a car. Let's see what happens.

Our nigh-on-to-29-year employee dashes over to Smilin' Sam—happiest car dealer in town, and picks out a dazzling little "boat" complete with whitewall tires, etc. Smilin' Sam is almost delirious with joy when he learns that Mike has had the same job for 29 years. . . . Seems like a good steady Joe . . . but he'll check with the hospital.

Poor Mike. There is a Michael G. Henry in the M. G. H. files, but he lives at 32 Parkman St. He sent his Social Security number to Payroll but not to Personnel. He got married but Personnel wasn't invited—and so didn't know. 32 Parkman Street is now part of the parking lot. Smilin' Sam doesn't like the sound of it and as a result, Mike either has to pay cash or go without a car.

It's a wonder the FBI hasn't accused him of tax evasion—he moved so often and fast that he never received a W-2 form in the mail. Instead, he has to hunt up a form each year—and he usually does that just before the deadline. Also, he hasn't received a letter for 29 years; the U. S. Post Office can't find him. Occasionally Mike has difficulty cashing his weekly pay check. The address he gives and the one on his I. D. card don't check. This would never happen if he had a new identification card each time he changed his address.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE EMERGENCY WARD

Orderly confusion reigns at the admitting desk of the Emergency Ward as clerks Walter Steward and Harry Cody admit a patient and answer inquiries.

Of all the departments within our hospital, the Emergency Ward is the one which best typifies M.G.H. Within its walls can be found nurses, doctors, hospital aides, social workers, laboratory technicians, admitting clerks, and ward helpers. In addition there is on call at all times a representative from each of the services.

Humble Beginning

This Emergency Ward of 1955 is a far cry from the Accident Ward of 1873 when the first ambulance service of the Massachusetts General Hospital was established; the first in the city of Boston. Thus the example was set in Boston, probably because the brothers of one of our trustees, fresh from their Civil War experience, had established the first ambulance service in the world in New York City, with its headquarters at the Bellevue Hospital.

The notice which was sent to physicians, apothecaries, police stations, and public officials announced that "the ambulance of the Massachusetts General Hospital accompanied by a medical officer, will be dispatched to any point north of Dover and Berkeley Streets, for the conveyance of cases of accident, or urgent sudden sickness, not contagious, to this hospital or elsewhere, upon notice from a Physician, the Police, or other responsible source."

Ambulance Discontinued

The ambulance service undoubtedly provided the accident ward with many of its patients. Within the past five years the M.G.H. ambulance service has been discontinued. Ambulance service is now provided by either public or private agencies. The name "accident ward" changed along the way to what we now know as the Emergency Ward.

The name "Emergency Ward" as it applies to this department is a misnomer. It's true that the E.W. is our first line of defense—the place where the critical situation comes to a head. As a result, the ultimate in skills and techniques is required.

Many Types of Patients

Individuals who have been injured at work or in accidents may be admitted to E.W. The extent of these injuries range from the splinter in the finger to the life and death emergency. They come at all hours of the day and night. The usual course of action in E.W. is to provide emergency treatment and then refer the patient to a private physician.

In addition to serving emergency accident cases, E. W. provides facilities for individuals whose conditions are medical emergencies. Diabetic patients in shock and individuals suffering from acute diarrhea, coronary or gall bladder attacks fall into this category.

The critical medical or surgical patient may be brought in by the patient's family, the fire department, police, strangers, or a combination of these groups.

Since E. W. provides round-the-clock coverage, many cases which are handled nights and week-ends could be treated in places other than E. W. if the former were open during the stated times. An excellent example of this is the extraction of teeth. An individual with a severe toothache during the middle of the night is unable to find a dentist. Arriving at M.G.H. in a somewhat frenzied state, he discovers, after being examined in E. W., that he may have the tooth extracted here if necessary. Or he may obtain relief from the pain as a result of prescribed treatment.

Coverage for Staff

Another service — a vital one for staff members — provided by E. W. is coverage for our visiting staff. When a patient visits his physician in the hospital, it may be that the facilities in the doctor's office are not adequate to handle a patient who is seriously ill and who requires immediate treatment. This treatment may be administered in E. W. The patient will then be admitted to his respective unit within the hospital.

A great advantage of the Emergency Ward lies in the fact that it is a place where individuals representing the various services of the hospital can be assembled in a short time. The many professional skills are of great benefit to the patient.

Major Difference

Once the potential patient arrives, the question of who will take care of him arises. It is at this point the difference between the E.W. and the rest of the hospital first show up.

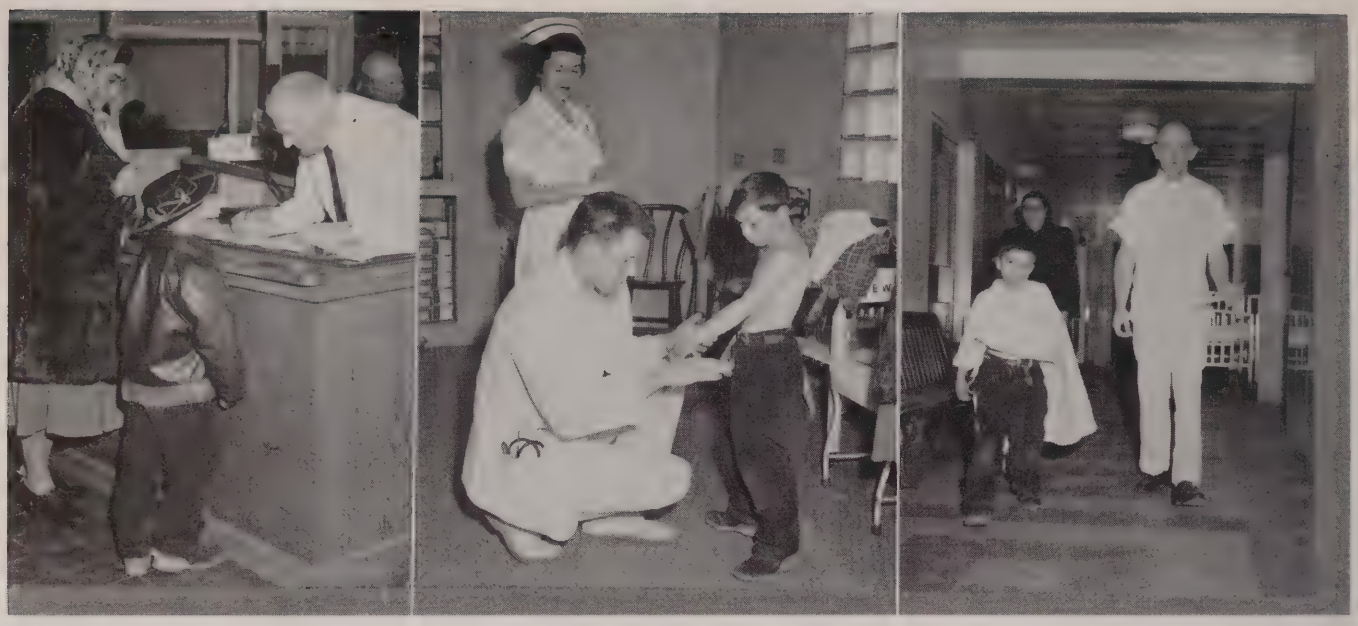
The only criterion that is employed in determining the course of action to be followed is a medical one. Finances, facility, time, etc.—all of the rules which of necessity are a part of the admitting policy of the hospital—are cast aside in E.W.

Under the present set-up, there are two residents who relieve each other every twenty-four hours. Assistant Resident in Surgery, Dr. George Murphy, and Dr. H. D. Collins, Assistant Resident in Medicine, share this responsibility. They are the individuals who screen patients, prescribe treatment, call doctors from other services for consultation. A great deal of stamina is required of the resident in charge in order to adequately cover E. W. for this length of time.

Team Work at its Best

Teamwork, needless to say, is as essential in the Emergency Ward as it

Mrs. Anne MacGillivray, clothes clerk in E. W., packages belongings of each patient after admission.



Mr. Steward admits Michael Morabito after he fell on the way to school while his mother looks on. Center: Dr. George Murphy examines the young patient's arm. Miss Charlotte Lee is in the background. At right Arthur Lyons, orderly, guides Michael to X-ray. The fracture was later set and Michael went home the same day.

is anywhere in the hospital. This teamwork is displayed admirably by doctors, nurses, clerks, aides, technician, and social worker.

Strong Links

In addition to one of two residents who is always present, there are three house officers available. A team of nurses, under the supervision of Miss Dorothy Dale, fulfills a vital role in the smooth functioning of E. W.

According to Miss Claire Farrisey, administrative assistant, the clerks at the front desk are the heart of the Emergency Ward's communication center. Not only do these people register patients and answer all telephone calls, but they also make calls for consultations, contact laboratories for tests and X-ray department for X-rays. Furthermore they obtain the results of the tests and report the finding to the doctors. In many cases of industrial accidents, the clerks provide answers to inquiries of insurance companies and medical examiners.

Speed and efficiency are required at all times — regardless of the pressure. Information obtained from the patient or his relative becomes part of the hospital's official medical record. Naturally, all facts must be accurately recorded. Mr. Walter Steward, supervisor, and his staff provide day and night coverage.

"Alertness" is the key word to the success of the aides in E. W. They must be able to size up a situation as quickly as possible and contact the proper doctor or nurse if there is a change in the patient's condition.

Technician Available at All Times

In order to meet the needs in E. W. a technician is on duty at all times. The work, clinical in nature, varies somewhat with each patient. Great speed is essential in many instances.

Also available to patients are the services of a social worker. Although many of the patients are transients, i.e.: do not remain overnight, Miss Mary Jane Gilkey, social worker assigned to the unit, provides many services to patients. Individuals who arrive at M.G.H. alone are sometimes sent home by cab. When it is inadvisable for a patient to be home alone, arrangements are made for that individual's nursing care at his home.

Unpredictable Census

One of the most difficult things about working in E. W. is that it may, on very rare occasions, be as quiet as a churchyard, but in the next five minutes there may be several admissions.

Between October and January, the average number of patients who were admitted daily totaled 65 to 70.

Night or day, the Emergency Ward is ready for any and all patients who may arrive at its doors.

Mr. Mattos Speaks In New York

Mr. Edmund R. Mattos, Assistant Director, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Institute of Hospital Administration in New York on February 17.

His subject was "Work Simplification."

M.G.H. Participates In First Videclinic

M.G.H. participated in the first "Videclinic"—a special closed-circuit television program which was presented coast to coast on Wednesday, February 9. The program, designed to keep physicians posted on the latest advances in medicine, was sponsored by the American Medical Association in cooperation with the Smith, Kline and French Laboratories of Philadelphia.

The televised scientific conference on "The Management of Coronary Artery Disease" was viewed by 18,000 physicians in 31 cities from coast to coast. The Massachusetts Medical Society cooperated in the Boston arrangements for a capacity audience of doctors in the ballroom of the Hotel Statler.

Outstanding heart specialists from various parts of the country appeared on the program to give live and filmed clinical reports of their work in coronary disease. Dr. Paul D. White, M.G.H. Consultant in Cardiology, participated in the program and presented eight patients in the Ether Dome.

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Moreover, they will be allowed time in some of the cities for shopping, and individual scouting if desired.

Balance Due in June

Although a deposit of $100 per person is required by March 15, the balance of $565 may be paid not later than June 15.

Application blanks are available in the Personnel Department.

ALLEY TALLIES

Congratulations to the Refrigeration Team for winning the first place title for the first half of the season. It was a close race and they did a fine job of edging out the Pharmacy Team.

Eddie Sharpe (Refrigeration) now holds the high single record with a socre of 133. He nicked teammate Murphy's 132. (At least they are keeping it in the family.)

John Rainone (Maintenance) did some nicking, also. He leads the high three string average with a record 328. Joe St. Pierre is still high man with his average of 97.

Russ Gasdia
Pete Antonio

Top bowling team for the first half of the season is Refrigeration. Seated, left to right, are John Murphy and William Haugh. Standing, left to right: John Baxivonus, Edward Sharp and Captain Everett Gray.

Student Nurses Capped

Seventy-six students of the class of 1955 of the School of Nursing became nurse interns at the capping exercises held January 17 in the Moseley Rotunda. Dr. Dean A. Clark, General Director, was the guest speaker, and Miss Ruth Sleeper, Director of the School of Nursing, presented the students with their caps.

Special Honor

Miss Loretta Agostini, who was president of her class last year, was honored at the capping ceremonies by the faculty and her classmates as the student best combining high scholastic achievement and all around participation in class activities.

This ceremony marks the occasion when the student nurse, having completed her first twenty-eight months in the school, changes her student cap for the school cap, and for the next eight months serves as a nurse intern, working in partnership with the faculty and the graduate nurses.

Following the exercises a reception was held in Bartlet Hall for the members of the class, their families and friends.

Our Apologies

The spelling of our new Assistant Director's name in the January issue of **The World** was incorrect. He is Mr. Joseph W. Degen(spelled with an "e" and not with an "a" as we had it).

Congratulated by Dr. Dean A. Clark, General Director, upon her capping is Barbara Whitney, class president. Nancy Lee (left) and Audrey Hatch look on.

Geoffrey Jackson New Administrative Resident

Mr. Geoffrey G. Jackson, a student of Columbia University School of Public Health, Division of Administrative Medicine, began his administrative residency at M.G.H. on January 29.

Mr. Jackson, who will be here a year, has replaced Mr. L. Joseph Le Britton.

Operetta Principals Selected

Heading the cast for the forthcoming performance of "The Mikado" are Carol Renz, dietetic intern, as Yum-Yum, Maurice Fontaine of Medical Records as Nanki Poo, and Al Demers as the Mikado, it was announced recently by Miss Margot Warner, director of the M.G.H. Operetta Company.

Supporting the romantic team and the emperor of Japan are Peter Terry as Ko-Ko, Richard Rogers of Bulfinch Nursing as Pooh-Bah, Anthony Gallo of Harvard Medical School as Pish-Tush, Elizabeth McCarthy as Pitti-Sing, Sandison Tillotson of the Nursery School as Peep-Bo, and Catherine Laffin as Katisha.

The Gilbert and Sullivan operetta will be presented in Morse Auditorium of the Museum of Science on May 4, 5, and 6.

Discount Cards
are available in the
Personnel Department.

ABOUT FOLKS

Nursing

Members of the hospital aide training class which started January 12 are **Thelma Callender, Philip Casy, Joseph Cummings, Lillian Daniel, Anna Eastmond, Ann Fletcher, Theresa Kersey, Frederick Lord, Bessie McNamee, Beverly Neager, Gerard Pinkham, Matthew Poth, Henry Rockwood, Randall Scott, Rose Schraffa** and **Pauline Wooten.**

We are glad to welcome **Mrs. Priscilla MacMillan,** R.N., B.A., as instructor in clinical nursing.

Lost: By **Mr. Max Rosen** of the Appliance Room somewhere near the Nutrition Clinic — twenty-one pounds. Owner does not wish to have this loss replaced.

Miss Frances Pingree has replaced **Mrs. Ann Fraetes** as supervisor in the Phillips House operating room. Mrs. Fraetes resigned as she is expecting a baby in April.

A welcome to the **Misses Gunavar Storm, Asta Ullen** and **Gweneth Williams** who are here on the Exchange Visitor Program.

Hugh Heney

Medical Records

Doris Gomez of Patients' Index was married to Melvin Jackson on January 23 at the Eliot Congregational Church in Roxbury.

The Correspondence Section gave a surprise dinner-shower for **Margaret Bergamasco,** who was married to Daniel Salvucci on February 12 at St. Luke's Church, Belmont.

The File Room Section has extended its service to the hospital. It is now open twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

Enid Squire

Social Service

Miss Judy Merrow, case aide in the Bulfinch Social Service office, has announced her engagement to Mr. Gordon McGovern. They plan to be married on June 4.

Miss Margery Crothers, after twelve years at M.G.H., retired from the Urological Service. **Mrs. Sybil Shapiro** will share responsibility for this service with **Mrs. Abigail Peck.**

New to the Social Service Central Office is **Miss Mary Jane Phillips,** who is employed temporarily as a clerk. At present Miss Phillips is a student at Goddard College, Plainfield, Vermont, on the non-resident work program.

Phoebe Cover

Accounting

Mr. Harold Emrich, Assistant Comptroller, has been appointed consultant to the commissioner of administration and finance for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He will work on problems involving hospital costs.

Mrs. Virginia Whitten of Tabulating is leaving shortly to take up the duties of motherhood.

Our congratulations to **Miss Mary Bourque** of Patients' Accounts upon her engagement to Edward Morey.

We are happy that **Mrs. Lucy Burnap** is home after a brief stay in the hospital.

Evelyn Alexander was limping as a result of a fall while ice skating.

Charlotte Matulsky is enjoying her annual vacation in Florida.

Joseph McCue

Laboratories

Best wishes to **Mrs. Charlotte Aberblatt** of Bacteriology — she's been married for six months.

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Fuad Suleiman is the new technician in the Chem. Lab.

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Miss Marilyn Holland of Bacteriology is spending her vacation in Florida.

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During the reconstruction period of Dr. Albright's Laboratory on Bulfinch 4, three technicians had the opportunity to work and study with groups outside M.G.H.

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Miss Eleanor Dempsey spent three months at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal, Canada, as an observer. During the month of December she had the opportunity to visit Dr. Frederick Bartter, Dr. Albright's former assistant who is now at the U. S. Public Health Institute at Bethesda, Maryland. "There is a large number of former M.G.H. people at Bethesda," Miss Dempsey claims, "and it is interesting to see the similarities and differences in the methods as carried out in the two places."

Miss Evelyn Carroll took a three-month course in radioactivity at the Veterans' Administration Hospital in Denver, Colorado, where Dr. Harold Grick is the director of the radioisotope unit. Miss Carroll was delighted with the opportunity, and also with the chance to ski at Aspen.

Miss Jane Chaffey is currently at Bethesda.

Jeanne Russell

Dietary Tidbits

Peter Anastos' retirement, after twenty-four years at M.G.H., was commemorated by a dinner at Blinstrub's with his friends and fellow workers. His hosts were **Joe DeSimone, George Ferretti, Marvin Gilmore, Ernest Henderson, Tony Martinez, Frank Matson, John McDonnell, Lloyd Meekins, George Spears,** and **Tom Valeri.**

Ruth Powers of the Food Store is having a happy, eventful year. Her first grandchild, David Lee Goddard, was born to her daughter, Barbara, in January. In addition, Mrs. Powers has just returned from a vacation in Florida.

Helen MacNamara of East Cafeteria, also one of our proud and happy grandmothers, left for a Florida vacation the same day as Mrs. Powers.

Mrs. Grace Varella of Nurses' Cafeteria flew out to Los Angeles to the wedding of her daughter, Norma.

On February 19 **Mrs. Kathleen Taylor's** daughter was married to Richard Putney. Mrs. Taylor is one of our diet aides.

Henry Frankenburger of White Kitchen has a new interest in life in the person of his new great granddaughter.

Alex Michaels, who recently returned from military service, is undertaking an "on the job" training course under **Chef Thomas Connolly.**

Joseph Cayer, White Truck Room, has been promoted to chef's helper in the White Kitchen.

We were happy to welcome back **John McDonnell,** cook in Baker Kitchen, following the completion of his military service.

Frances S. Harvey

Eye And Ear Infirmary

In the Admitting Office, **Miss Helen Clark** is replacing **Miss Rachael Crocker** as senior clerk. Miss Crocker has been promoted to supervisor.

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The Bookkeeping Department welcomes back **Mr. Ernest Smith** after his illness.

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Mrs. Catherine Sheehan is in the Secretaries' Office in the position left vacant by the resignation of Mrs. Ethel Franklin.

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Mrs. Sonja Rempel, R.N., has taken the place of Miss Marion Decker, R.N., on the third floor nursing staff.

Maureen O'Brien

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BAKER MEMORIAL CELEBRATES TWENTY-FIFTH YEAR

Present at the "birthday party" marking the twenty-fifth anniversary of the opening of the Baker Memorial were (left to right) Dr. W. Franklin Wood, Miss Walborg Peterson, Miss Helen Daly, Mrs. Helen Cushing, Miss Josephine Barbour and Mr. William MacNair.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of Baker Memorial was celebrated by staff members, employees and patients on March 3 with an informal coffee session in the Baker Memorial Lounge from 9 to 11 a.m.

Present at the informal commemoration were individuals who had an active part in the initial stages of Baker Memorial. These included Miss Josephine Barbour, Mrs. Helen Cushing, Miss Helen Daly, Mr. William J. MacNair, Miss Walborg Peterson and Dr. W. Franklin Wood. All are still on our staff.

The Baker Memorial was established to make hospital facilities available to the people of moderate means. This building filled a definite need in accommodating these patients, for they could not be admitted to the charity wards since they could afford to pay something to the physician. On the other hand, they were unable to pay the full charges of hospital, doctors and nurses in the private wing, the Phillips House, which had been built in 1917.

This structure, made possible by a bequest of a million dollars by Mrs. Mary Rich Richardson in memory of her father and mother, Richard Baker, Jr., and Ellen Maria Baker, is to a large degree a self-contained unit of the hospital with its own operating rooms, X-ray, offices and kitchen.

The unit, which has 314 beds, last year accommodated 8,220 patients.

Operetta Tickets On Sale

Tickets for Gilbert and Sullivan's operetta, "The Mikado," are now on sale and may be purchased in the Personnel Department, the White Information Desk, or from members of the cast.

Performances of this sixth annual production of the M.G.H. Operetta Company will be at Morse Auditorium of the Museum of Science. Proceeds from the tickets, which are $1.00 each, will benefit the Employees' Recreation Fund.

M.G.H. Participates In Hospital Assembly

M.G.H. was represented at the thirty-second annual meeting of the New England Hospital Assembly, held at the Hotel Statler March 28, 29 and 30, by Dr. Dean A. Clark, General Director; Miss Ruth Sleeper, Director of the School of Nursing and Nursing Service; Miss Louise Hatch, Director of the Dietary Department; and Mr. William MacNair, Head of the Housekeeping Department.

Dr. Clark was chairman of the section entitled "Broadening Patterns of Ambulatory Care" and Miss Hatch was co-chairman of the dietary section. Mr. MacNair was a member of a panel which discussed housekeeping problems. Miss Sleeper assumed the role of a nurse in a role playing panel which attempted to show the set-up of a "Committee for the Improvement for the Care of the Patient."

In addition to over a hundred general and special sessions and 150 exhibits, there were twenty-seven instructional conferences. This is the first time one-and-a-half-hour sessions of this nature have been attempted.

What Is It?

See page 5 for the answer.

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We Are Grateful . . .

"I am most thankful for **The World** which you send me every month. It does not stay in the drawer; it circulates. Your article 'Exchange Program for Nurses' is of great interest here."

Gabrielle Bouvier
American Hospital of Paris

Education Makes News

A college education without benefit of a high school diploma? It's possible, and the place to do it is at Columbia University's School of General Studies.

The School of General Studies began this "validation" program four years ago, designed to provide a Bachelor of Science degree to persons who are not high school graduates.

The pioneering program was instituted on the theory that mature men and women with business or professional experience are capable of academic success at the university level —regardless of the fact that they might have had little formal education.

Last June the theory became fact when the first twelve graduates of the program received the B.S. degree at Columbia's commencement exercises. Hundreds of others are now working toward a degree.

Congratulations to Chaplain

Chaplain James H. Burns passed his oral comprehensive examination at Boston University School of Theology on March 17.

Upon completion and approval of his thesis within the next six months, Chaplain Burns will attain his doctorate degree.

The Whys and Wherefores

Vacation Quandary

With the first signs of spring—tiny buds on the trees and a rare crocus or two—people start thinking of the great outdoors, travel and vacations. These thoughts, although welcome ones for everyone, create confusion within the minds of many individuals who are not sure how much vacation they will have.

The employee who has been here a year or more has no problem; he knows how much vacation he is entitled to. But the new employee—the one who started to work here after May 1, 1954—may be in somewhat of a quandary.

Assuming a full time employee is entitled to two weeks of vacation, as the majority of employees are, the length of vacation for a new employee is proportionate to the length of time he has been here. However, he will not be entitled to any vacation if he has not worked a minimum of three months by May 1. Also, he cannot take any vacation until after his sixth month of continuous employment. For example, an individual who started to work at M.G.H. February 15, 1955, has not earned any vacation for this summer (since he has not been here for three months by May 1). However, if he started to work December 1, 1954, he will be entitled to some vacation after June 1, 1955 (since he has worked continuously for six months and has worked at least three months as of May 1).

But how much vacation has this person earned? Each month he earns some vacation. To be more explicit, he earns one-twelfth of the eighty hours, or two weeks' vacation to which he is entitled each year. Therefore, if he started to work December 1 and is here June 1, he has earned 5/12 of the standard vacation for his job. Multiply this fraction by 80, i.e.:

$$5/12 \times 80/1 = 400/12 = 33\text{-}1/3.$$

In this manner, this employee has earned 33-1/3 hours of vacation, or a little more than 4 days.

Next year, assuming this individual works steadily up to May 1, 1956, he will get two full weeks (80 hours) of vacation. The important thing to remember is that vacations, after the first year of employment, are not based on the anniversary of the date of employment. Vacation allowance is based from May 1 of one year to the same date of the following year.

Regular part-time employees are entitled to vacations under the same conditions as full-time workers, if they work a minimum of twenty hours per week. For example, an individual who works 24 hours per week is entitled to two weeks of vacation (48 hours), or a proportion thereof. If his employment date is the same as the above (December 1), his vacation allowance is figured out as follows:

$$5/12 \times 48/1 = 240/12 = 20$$

No vacation is granted to temporary, sick relief, or vacation relief employees.

Vacations are usually given between May 1 and September 30, but arrangements may be made for other times by special permission of the department head. They are not cumulative from year to year; they must be taken during the current year.

Operetta Company Elects Officers

Peter Terry, Lorraine Donahue and Sandison Tillotson were elected chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary-treasurer respectively, of the M.G.H. Operetta Company at a meeting February 8.

Mr. Terry has been with the company since its inception five years ago and will be remembered for such roles as the Captain of "H. M. S. Pinafore" and the jailer in "The Yeomen of the Guard."

Miss Donahue and Miss Tillotson are newcomers to M.G.H. and the operetta group. Miss Donahue is a technician in neurosurgery, and Miss Tillotson is supervisor of our Day Nursery School.

Take Care Of That Cold!

The candid physician will tell you that there is no subject the doctors know they know less about — or that the victims think they know more about — than the common cold.

The average citizen has six colds a year, varying from runny nose to the coughs, sneezes and misery of a bad one. Colds cost the nation working time worth an estimated $420,000,000 in wages, and much more in discomfort and lowered efficiency.

Outside influences such as getting too hot, too cold, too tired, or any other excess, can weaken us and make it easier to "catch cold." But we

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Staff Education Conference

Miss Theda Fox, assistant director of staff education at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Syracuse, New York, was the guest speaker at a staff education conference at M.G.H. on March 8.

The purpose of the all-day conference at which assistant directors of nursing, supervisors of staff education, supervisors and staff nurses were present was that of evaulating our staff education program and making suggestions for its advancement.

The conference was divided into small groups of five and six individuals. Each group discussed different aspects of staff education, and later reported to the entire conference.

The residents in nursing service administration helped in planning the program.

Large Enrollment For Work Simplification Classes

March 1 and March 3 were the starting dates for the new work simplification classes. The classes, held weekly, are one and a half hours long and include individuals from all departments.

Members of the Tuesday classes are: Ann Crotty, Nursing; Dorothy Dale, Nursing; Henry A. Dunner, Print Shop; Maryan Eastman, Nursing; Everett Gray, Maintenance; Irja Hill, Nursing; Edna Jastrebska, Dietary; Avis Keating, Clinics; Patricia Keegan, Nursing; Thelma Lezberg, Pharmacy; John McDonnel, Dietary; Margaret Matthie, Nursing; Pauline Metras, Nursing; Alexander Michaels, Dietary; Philip Quinn, Housekeeping; Kathleen Sergott, Warren Library; Grace Sherman, Baker Admitting; Jean Travers, Pharmacy; Albert F. Wait, Maintenance; Hilda Warren, Clinics.

Members of the Thursday classes include: Elizabeth Brow, Nursing; Donald W. Carpenter, Maintenance; Thomas Connolly, Dietary; Klara Edwards, Bacteriology; Phillippa Grover, Bay State Rehabilitation Center; Arthur Halvorson, Maintenance; Miriam Huggard, Nursing; Maude Jenkins, Dietary; Madeline McCarthy, Nursing; Joan McMahon, Nursing; Ellen Morrison, Nursing; Mary V. Sellers, Nursing; Elizabeth A. Smith, Nursing; Ruth Straitiff, Clinics; Richard White, Dispatch; Walter F. Wilson, Dietary; Irene Lattof, Radcliffe graduate student.

Spring fever—a wonderful experience—too often results in accidents if individuals are not careful.

Springetime Safety

In the spring everyone feels gay and carefree — and too often forgets about safety. Spring quite naturally is the season for daydreaming, driving, flower-picking, picnicking and spring cleaning.

Day-dreams of baseball and vacations while working on or off the job may result in accidents. When one keeps his mind on his work, he is assured of enjoying his vacation, etc., if physically fit.

A breath of fresh air and a drive to the country with one's friends and family may be the ideal way to relax. But over-relaxation may prove disastrous if one's mind is not on his driving and on the driving of others. And if you go on a picnic, be sure you can recognize poison ivy. Otherwise, you won't forget that day of leisure for a long time.

Regardless of what you are doing, remember to keep your mind on your work. Safety is everyone's job.

Smile A While

● An American official in Tokyo had occasion to write to a Japanese businessman there. Thinking to give his letter the flowery oriental touch that would make for good public relations, he closed with, "May Heaven preserve you always."

To the delight of the official's staff, the Japanese gentleman responded with, "And may Heaven pickle you, too."

● "At last," smiled the psychiatrist, "I can pronounce you cured. You can go home now and, professionally, I never expect to see you again."

"Not me, maybe," said the young man, "but I may have to bring my sister in. She thinks she's a chicken."

"Goodness!" the psychiatrist exclaimed. "Why haven't you brought her in before?"

"To tell the truth, Doctor, we needed the eggs."

● American tourists shopping in Paris were stopped in their tracks before the window of a French dressmaker. For their convenience, she had put English language cards in her display of robes de soiree and robes de ville. The cards read: "For Sale! Dresses for Night Life and for Streetwalking."

Mrs. Madeline O'Meara, seated, makes change for employees at coffee time in West Pay Cafeteria while Mrs. Annie Healy takes care of the food supply from behind the counter. Miss Martha Carney, right, is responsible for the idea which resulted in faster service.

WORK SIMPLIFICATION PAYS OFF

Numerous Projects Completed

The theory that people attend classes, go home, and forget about the classes has been proven false by participants and graduates of the work simplification course given at M.G.H.

The people who have attended the classes have not only worked on various projects but have also carried them out. Furthermore, they made—and are making—their fellow workers conscious of this thing called "work simplification."

Dietary Leads

Members of the Dietary Department seem to be ahead in the number of completed projects. This is probably due to the fact that this department has had more people take the twenty-hour course than any other department.

Anthony Martinez, chef in Baker, found that shelves in the salad room and in the refrigerator facilitate the work of the individuals concerned.

Miss Martha Carney, supervisor of West Pay Cafeteria, revised the coffee-hour procedure. Previously, the woman behind the counter, Mrs. Annie Healy, handled the cash in addition to serving doughnuts and sandwiches. Since both things took time, the line of people was always long. Under the present set-up, Mrs. Madeline O'Meara, cashier, comes from East Pay Cafeteria (the coffee hours are not the same) and handles all the money while Mrs. Healy takes care of only the counter. The reduced line, naturally, has met with everyone's satisfaction.

Miss Florence MacKinnon, cashier and food supervisor, has been able to save many steps as a result of changing the location of the safe. Previously in the students room near East Pay Cafeteria, it is now in the Nurses' Cafeteria.

Mrs. Olive Kelly, secretary of the Dietary Department, simplified the task of putting typwritten sheets together by acquiring a hand collator. Instead of having the sheets spread over a large area, she takes a sheet from each shelf of the device. In this way she saves time and effort.

Wesley Wallace, salad man, after getting wide-mouthed mayonnaise jars, found that the preparation and storage of salad dressings was much easier.

Mrs. Catherine McBride, of the dishroom, simplified her work many times by changing the location of the trays in East Pay Cafeteria. Instead of transferring the trays from a cart to the counter beside the silver, the trays are left on the cart. The cart has been remodeled to carry 225 trays. The reduction of the number of trips from the dishroom to the cafeteria is great, and the transfer of trays from the cart to the counter has been eliminated.

Linen Problem to be Alleviated

Mr. James Mahoney, head of the Laundry and Linen Control, and Mr. James Willis, assistant supervisor of the Central Supply Room, are in the process of making a survey of the number of gray dressing towels necessary to replace the white ones. This is being done because dressing towels, which very often acquire stains which cannot be removed, are often substituted for hand towels. The problem arises when a patient gets a stained hand towel. By having the two colors, the towels will be used only for their respective purposes.

Baker Admitting Procedure Simplified

The admitting procedure in the Baker Memorial Admitting Office has been simplified as a result of careful analysis. Previously, the nurse made out a duplicate admission slip after talking to the patient and then escorted the patient to the waiting room. She then returned to the Information Desk, left one of the admission slips and waited until she could tell the hostess whether or not the patient could go to his room. Next, the nurse went to the admitting clerk and left the other admission slip with the latter.

Under the revised system, the admitting nurse does not have to make out a duplicate admission slip. To the one slip she attaches a signal card which shows by color whether

Mrs. Catherine McBride of Dietary, as a result of having a cart remodeled to hold 225 trays, no longer has to transfer trays to the counter.

The Housekeeping Department in Phillips House now takes care of the linen supply on each floor. Checking with Mrs. Agnes Redman, supervisor, is Mrs. Helen Kaminski.

or not the patient may go directly to his room. She merely escorts the patient to the waiting room and on her way back to her office leaves the admission slip and signal card with the admitting clerk.

Another change which has taken place as a result of work simplification, according to Miss Sarah Lifvergren, Admitting Officer, is the manner of obtaining previous medical records from Medical Records. Instead of waiting for the patient's arrival to obtain his address and birthdate in addition to his name, the mentioned facts are obtained at the time the doctor books the patient for admission. Each day a list of patients' names, addresses, and birth dates are sent to Medical Records. If a patient has a previous M.G.H. history, the record is sent to the admitting office the following morning before the patient arrives.

Awaiting Construction

Miss Christine Mekkelsen and Miss Enes Zambon, Admitting Officers in the White Building, suggested that the office be expanded in order to allow greater privacy for patients and more space for individuals admitted in wheelchairs and stretchers. The additional space will be secured from the admitting clerk's office. The plan has been approved and is awaiting construction.

Also, telephones with facilities for inter-office communication have been installed. They have reduced the traffic in the admitting office considerably.

Housekeeping Aids Nursing

Mrs. Agnes Redman, supervisor of Phillips House Housekeeping, found that nurses' and messengers' steps could be eliminated if the maids on the floors took care of the linen. The nurse no longer makes out a requisition which a messenger carries to housekeeping. Instead, the housekeeping supervisor or her assistant decides from the patients' census how much linen each floor will need for the next day. An adequate supply is then sent to each floor. The floor maid, instead of the nurse, transfers the linen from the cart to the closet and makes up bundles for each room. If extra linen is needed in the afternoon, the floor maid will get the necessary quantity.

Many More Projects

Although a number of projects have been mentioned, they represent only a portion of those throughout the hospital which have been completed or which are in progress.

Work simplification is not limited to the classes and their members. We can all try to "take work out of work via work simplification."

What Is It?

Bread crumbs, magnified fifteen times, is the answer to the question on page 1.

ALLEY TALLIES

As we approach the end of the bowling season, it's still the Refrigeration Team out in front leading by a slight margin over the always powerful Maintenance Team. Within a few weeks it will all be decided. If the Refrigeration Team wins this half of the season as it did the previous half, its members are automatically honored as champions of the M.G.H. bowling league for the 1954-55 season. But, if they should lose this half, they will have to compete in a play-off game of which the winner will receive the above honors.

As for attendance and enthusiasm, this season has probably been the most successful since the start of the bowling league. Of course most of the credit for this fact must go to the bowlers themselves, although I don't think we should overlook the wonderful job being done by president, Ralph Cluff, and his able treasurer, Bill Doren, both of the Print Shop.

Now for some facts about a few of the men who make up this bowling league. Eddie Sharpe of Refrigeration still holds the high single string score of 133, and no one can seem to beat the 328 total for three strings which John Rainone of Maintenance achieved near the end of the first-half of the season. Bob Norman, who bowls for the Housekeeping Team, recently gave them both a scare by bowling a single string score of 130 and a three string total of 320. "Money Man" Bill Doren seemed very happy to see Bob bowl so well. Joe St. Pierre is still holding his own at the top of the league with his 96 average.

The Pharmacy Team has a relatively new bowler, Frank McNeil, who has been keeping right in line with the rest of the team. Speaking of the Pharmacy Team, it looks as though they dropped out of the running the night they lost 3 points to the plumbers. Everyone was wondering what happened to the Pharmacy's anchor man that night. Well, a good authority tells me that for some unknown reason he was mighty tired.

Good luck in the coming weeks to the Refrigeration and Maintenance Teams under the leadership of Captain "Curly" Gray and Captain Mal McLean respectively. May the best team win.

Russ Gasdia

HELP TO CONQUER CANCER

Miss Phyllis Caffarella, a Red Cross Gray Lady, gives one night a week to M.G.H.

March A Reminder Of Red Cross Service

During March, which was designated as Red Cross month, our attention has been focused upon the services provided at M.G.H. by volunteers of the American Red Cross.

Typical of these volunteers is Gray Lady Miss Phyllis Caffarella who is assigned to the Baker Memorial one evening a week. Her duties, non-nursing in nature, consist of serving trays to patients, arranging flowers, transporting patients, answering the telephone and most important of all, visiting and listening to patients.

Miss Caffarella has a full time job at H. P. Hood and Sons but has managed to give 280 hours of service to our hospital.

Of the total number of thirty-three Gray Ladies we have with us at the present time, approximately half of them work in the Baker Memorial and Phillips House during the evenings. The others may be found in the Blood Bank, Clinics, Admitting Office, Laboratory, Chaplains office and as messengers with Dispatch.

Another valuable Red Cross service at M.G.H. is that of the Red Cross Nurses' Aides.

Dietary Tidbits

Kenneth Weyand, expert in providing clean dishes and silver for our cafeterias, is also becoming more expert in painting with oils. He has adopted a new technique and his landscapes are coming to be highly regarded. One of these was exhibited at the Bishop Lee Theatre School Open Art Show given this month for the benefit of the New England Hospital.

Thelma Mosbey of Bulfinch 4 and **Norma Stellman** of the cafeterias are back on duty—fully recovered from burns received in off duty accidents.

Marguerite Hobson, formerly of the cafeterias, is now a diet aide in Baker.

Kenneth Pilsecker of the Dishroom attended his brother's wedding in Springfield, Ohio. His brother will be ordained a minister in May.

Blanche Daniels of East and Nurses' Cafeterias, who completed twelve years of service with us last October, had a baby boy in February.

Mrs. Miriam Cobb, Baker diet aide, has a smile that doesn't come off these days—caused by the birth of her first grandchild, a boy, born to her son's wife on March 3.

Helena Marshall of the Cafeterias who returned to duty recently after leg surgery, fractured her hip on an icy street and is unable to be with us.

Katherine Tobin, best known for her service at the midnight meal and at tea time, was saddened by her brother's death early this month. We offer our sympathy.

Frances Harvey

COLD

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never have a cold unless we have been exposed to the cold virus. Chilling alone will not cause illness, but it can lower resistance to an attack by an infectious agent such as the cold virus.

Additional Laboratories For New Building

The addition of the Edwin S. Webster Laboratories to the Medical Science Building which is under construction was announced recently.

Funds contributed by the family and friends of the late Edwin S. Webster, Boston engineer and philanthropist, will provide the laboratories on the ground floor of the new building which is expected to be completed about March, 1956. These laboratories will house the research unit and technical equipment, including an electron microscope for David Spiro, basic research investigator who has been brought from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology by Dr. Benjamin Castleman, Chief of the Pathology Service.

Progress Continues

According to Mr. Gilbert Nessolini, Clerk of the Works, construction progress of the new building continues with only a slight set-back in schedule. This was due to the fact that underground conditions delayed the driving in of piles, some of which extend 76 feet into the ground.

The building is now at the pipe trench stage, the level immediately below the basement.

In addition to housing pathology, the new structure will house dermatology, neurology and psychiatry.

The Medical Science Building at the pipe trench stage as it appeared at the beginning of the month shortly after a light snowfall.

(Sigma Phi Epsilon)

If you think these fellows had a difficult time of it . . .

(William Roach)

How would you like to try this?

It's Still Called Pledging!

Twenty-one pledges of Sigma Phi Epsilon of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology fulfilled their obligation to the fraternity by reporting for work at M.G.H. on February 10 from 8:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

The young men, clad in work clothes, caps and masks, were divided into three teams. One group did the high dusting, washing and buffing of floors in the Clinics. Another group did the high dusting in the Research Building. They also cleaned the overhead pipes and brushed down the walls in the Bulfinch and Research basements.

Mr. Constantine Capucci, night supervisor of Housekeeping, supervised the three groups. He had arranged a coffee break for them, but was surprised when he was told by the fraternity supervisors that this was not allowed "as the pledges came here to work and should go away hungry."

And they did just that!

Travel Books Available In Library

Mrs. Kathleen Sergott, librarian, recently announced that M.G.H. staff members and employees have numerous travel books at their disposal.

Among those from which they may select are the following:

Dodge—Poor Man's Guide to Europe
Leslie—Love in a Nutshell
Dewey—Journey to the Far Pacific
Morton—I Saw Two Englands
In Search of England
Helmm—Spring in Spain
Rothey—Sweden, the Land and the People
Douglas—Strange Lands and Friendly People
Carrighan—Ice Bound Summer
Gibbs—European Journey
*Gelpin—Rio Grande, River of Destiny
*Well—Exploring the World
*Eichner—Sente e Tena do Brasil
*Kroner—Holland
*Stark—Seen in the Hadhramout

*Mostly Photographs

It Happened At M.G.H.

You Get Nothing for Nothing

A young lady (age 7 or so) was industriously parking and speeding cars about on a private road (flower stand) in the Moseley corridor and was noticed by a passer-by. When the latter asked about the cars the little girl was rather vague. The mother arrived at that moment and was horrified. The young lady had helped herself to the General Store's entire supply of little vehicles. Needless to say, they were returned immediately, much to the child's dismay.

Some Practical Joke!

Mr. John Crossman, architect, could not understand why people were staring at him one afternoon as he was leaving the hospital. However, he found out as soon as he attempted to get into a car. Wouldn't you stare at someone who had four enormous feathers protruding from a Tyrolian hat?

A Personnel Tale

Recently a counselor from an employment agency called our interviewing office and inquired if there was an age limit on hospital aide trainees.

Our interviewer answered that there was no age limit, but was quite astonished when the counselor calmly told her the inquiring applicant's age —93!

Photographed at a weekly ceramics class of the Four A's (American Amateur Artists' Association) are (left to right) Mary Hellstrom, Anesthesia Research; Sophie Kretsepis, Occupational Therapy; Esther Fich, Pathology; and Elise Cunningham, Photography. Anyone interested may still join.

ABOUT FOLKS

Nursing

The following nurses will attend a course in team plan nursing at Teachers College, Columbia University from April 11 to April 22: **Miss Regina Craffey**, head nurse, Bulfinch 3; **Miss Valerie Payne**, head nurse, Baker 7; **Miss Irja Hill**, administrative supervisor, Baker; and **Miss Grace Martel**, head nurse, White 5.

We would like to welcome the following new supervisors: **Miss Madeline McCarthy**, medical supervisor in the Bulfinch Building; **Miss Ethel M. Norry**, night supervisor; and **Miss Leatrice Chamberlin**, assistant evening supervisor.

Miss Anne Huggard and **Miss Gwendoline Bellam** will be sent to the National League for Nursing Convention in St. Louis, May 2-May 6. Part of their expenses will be paid by the proceeds from Game Night which was held March 30. **Miss Ruth Sleeper**, Director of the School of Nursing and Nursing Service, is the President of the National League for Nursing. **Miss Edna Lepper**, Associate Director of Nursing Service, is the program chairman for the Convention. **Miss Ruth Farrisey**, Executive Officer of the Clinics, will speak.

Miss Jane Wragg, head nurse on White 11, will fly to Frankfurt, Germany on April 1. She will meet Dr. and Mrs. Drennan Lowell in Stuttgart and they will travel in Italy, France, Switzerland and Holland.

Miss Barbara Rittenburg, White 10, is to be married June 4 to Mr. Michael Minutoli.

Miss Adele Corkum, Assistant Director of Nursing in the Baker Memorial, attended the Nursing Service Administration Institute in Buffalo, New York, March 21-25.

Sarah Rowley

Pharmacy

Delayed welcome notices: To **Frank McNeil** and **Tony Ciampa** . . . recent additions to our staff.

Winter may still be here but that deep brown tan **Hugo Bedrossian** is sporting wasn't made by the reflection of the Boston sun on the Boston snow. . . . It took two weeks in Miami, Florida, to acquire it.

David Kazaka

Laboratories

A warm welcome to **Miss Inge Rasmussen** and **Miss Helga Olesen**, technicians in the Chemistry Laboratory. They are here from Denmark.

Jeanne Russell

Baker Memorial

A warm welcome to the graduate nurses who recently joined the Baker Memorial Staff. They are **Nancy Boucher, Ruth Dodge, Virginia Hines, Margaret Lamb, Shirley Lanker, Ruth Prior, Virginia Raymond, Barbara Riley**, and **Patricia Walker.**

Miss Ruth Bouzan and **Miss Martha Warren** are the assistant head nurses on Baker 4 and 3 respectively.

William Quinn

Accounting

Evelyn Alexander of Tabulating recently announced her engagement to Mr. Willie Joy.

Mr. Larry Martin, Comptroller, recently became the father of a baby boy, Bradford Leland.

Mrs. Joan Joncas of Payroll spends most of her weekends enjoying the winter sports in the White Mountains. From all reports, she's an expert skier.

Mrs. Marleis Price left recently to become a mother.

Vic Muisse of Tabulating is interested in acquiring a dog. Should you hear of anyone who wants to sell or give away a canine please call Vic at Extension 388.

Mrs. Grace Butters of Patients Accounts proudly announces that she recently became a great-grandmother.

Joseph McCue

Housekeeping

Alice Rosenblatt of White 7, who celebrated her 54th birthday on March 10, has returned to work following an operation.

Mr. Fred Stevens of the supervisory staff is back after an operation and a months absence.

Maria Reeves of the Moseley Building, the mother of eleven children, was presented with her eleventh grandchild on March 1.

Joseph Doherty

Mr. Joseph Doherty, supervisor, replaced his old car with a new one. We think he dented the latter the first day he used it so that his friends would recognize it.

Pharmacy Hours

M.G.H. personnel are reminded that the Pharmacy hours are 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

The Pharmacy is located in the basement of the Clinics.

Eye and Ear

Miss Pauline Moor, of the American Foundation for the Blind in New York, lectured and showed two films on the pre-school blind child here on March 3. The films were shown to the Social Service Advisory Committee and the heads of departments here at the Infirmary, and to the pediatric staff of M.G.H.

The first film, "It's Fun to Grow," dealt with the blind child at different stages and ages, showing how he can grow normally in his own home. The other film discussed his progress in nursery school with sighted children.

Miss Moor is remembered for her work at the Infirmary with retrolental fibroplasia study group. She came here in 1946, as a nursery school teacher to help the parents of these blind. She was doing pioneer work in stressing the training of the child before school age, work that has had far-reaching effects in that today more emphasis is placed on this important phase in the child's life. In 1952, Miss Moor left the Infirmary to become the national consultant on pre-school blindness for the American Foundation for the Blind, and today travels all over the country lecturing to interested groups.

Several changes in personnel have taken place recently: **Mrs. Peter H'-Doubler** is now working in the Howe Laboratory of Ophthalmology. **Mr. Jean Nadeau** is a new orderly on the third floor. On this same floor, the new position of dispatch man, as an aid in the transportation and discharge of patients, is working out very well. **Mr. Mitchell Patriquin**, who came in January, fills this position. **Miss Elizabeth Leane** has taken a position as ward secretary on the fourth floor.

In the Nursery, **Miss Marie Courtney, R.N.**, has returned after a month's illness, and **Miss Lois Doolittle**, secretary for the Children's Ward, was fortunate enough to spend her month's vacation in Florida.

The Accounting Department is losing one of its most popular members, **Mr. Frank Thompson**, who is leaving after nine years here to take a position with the Farrington Manufacturing Company in Jamaica Plain.

Miss Susanne Lavoi from Quebec, Canada, and **Mrs. Berta Carter** from LePas, Bolivia, have joined the Nursing Staff.

Maureen O'Brien

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Miss MacPherson Honored

Miss Sara MacPherson's retirement after forty-one years of service to M. G. H. was marked by a tea in the Hooper Room on May 10.

Miss MacPherson started at M. G. H. on June 18, 1914, when Dr. Frederic Washburn held the directorship. She, with the help of a girl who worked with her half-time, took care of all the patients' accounts. This, of course, was before the addition of Phillips House when the hospital consisted of Bulfinch and a few wards.

Her salary, she states, was $40 a month, "but things were different . . . the trolley fare from Roxbury was only five cents."

To her delight, Miss MacPherson's office was transferred from the Bulfinch Building to the Moseley Building upon the latter's completion in 1916. What thrilled her most about her new quarters was the large vault.

It was shortly thereafter that the Base Hospital Unit swung into action as the United States entered World War I. Miss MacPherson remembers the group practice-marching in the Bulfinch Yard before the unit's departure to Bordeaux, France.

As the years passed the hospital continued to expand and Miss MacPherson's office became increasingly

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Have You Visited The Health Exhibit?

This is the last week to visit the first Massachusetts Health Exhibit in the Grand Foyer of the State House, Boston, open from 9:00 to 5:00 o'clock through May 27. Admission is free.

More than 40 national, regional, and state health services, both public and private, are participating in the exhibit with interesting and colorful displays portraying the services rendered to the people of Massachusetts, of the United States and of more than 100 foreign countries.

Don't miss this unique Exhibit which shows the health and medical services that have made Massachusetts a world medical and health center.

Miss Dorothy Tarbox and Miss Hilda Blaisdel, Infirmary Director of Nursing and Assistant Director, respectively, were honored upon their retirement at a dinner at the Boston Club on April 21.

"The Mikado" Hailed a Success

Operetta fans were indeed enthusiastic about the M.G.H. Operetta Company's performance of "The Mikado" at the Morse Auditorium of the Museum of Science on May 4, 5 and 6, and claimed it as the best performance of the company's six year history.

The principals, well selected by Miss Margot Warner, director, were made up of employees and friends of M. G. H. Singing the role of the Mikado was Albert Demers. Carol Renz, dietetic intern, and Maurice Fontaine of Medical Records, portrayed the romantic couple.

Supporting them were Peter Terry

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Miss Hernan Awarded

Miss Frances Hernan, Credit Manager, was presented with the William G. Starr award recently for her outstanding service as president of the Retail Credit Association of Boston during the past two years.

Miss Hernan, who retired as president at the time the award was presented, was the first person to represent the hospital field in that capacity.

Infirmary Nursing Director and Assistant Retire

A farewell dinner in honor of Miss Dorothy Tarbox, Director of Nursing and Nursing Education of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, and Miss Hilda Blaisdell, Assistant Director, was held at the Boston Club April 21.

Miss Tarbox and Miss Blaisdell, both M. G. H. graduates, started their work at "the Eye and Ear" the same year—1927.

Miss Sally Johnson, Director Emeritus of the M. G. H. School of Nursing, was the guest speaker. Dr. Thomas Cavanaugh of the Infirmary staff acted as master of ceremonies for the occasion and gifts were presented by Dr. Edwin B. Dunphy, Chief of Ophthalmology.

Among the committee members who arranged the dinner were Miss Walbourg Peterson, and Miss Henrietta Olsen, representing the administration. Miss Lucy Mitchell represented the special duty nurses, and Miss Mary Hirtle and Miss Jennie Kaizzi were representatives of the head nurses.

What Is It?

See page 3 for the answer.

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A Smile

A smile costs nothing but gives much.
It enriches those who receive without making poorer those who give.
It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever.
None of us is so rich or mighty that he can get along without it, and none so poor but that he can be made rich by it.
A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters good will in business, and is the countersign of friendship.
It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and it is nature's best antidote for trouble.
It cannot be bought, begged, borrowed or stolen, for it is something that is of no value until it is given away.
Some people are too tired to give a smile.
Give them one of yours, as none needs a smile so much as he who has no more to give.

Ruth Farrisey Speaks in St. Louis

Miss Ruth Farrisey, Executive Officer of the Clinics, was a guest speaker at a meeting of the National League of Nursing held in St. Louis, Missouri, on May 5, 6 and 7. Her subject was the referral system of our Clinics.

While in the Midwest Miss Farrisey observed at the clinics of the Minneapolis General Hospital and Chicago University Hospital. Before her return she also studied the systems at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

The Whys and Wherefores

Sick Leave

Unfortunately, the subject of sick leave comes up quite frequently. It is unfortunate for two reasons: people do get sick, and when they do, they must be absent from work. Naturally, an individual's absence from a department places an additional burden on his co-workers.

At the risk of sounding too elementary, we should define sick leave. It is the amount of time to which an employee is entitled **with salary** when he is absent from work as a result of illness or accident. The amount of sick leave to which a person is entitled sometimes is a perplexing question.

Unlike vacation time which is computed on the basis of a year starting May 1, sick leave is based on an individual's date of employment. Since sick leave is based on the working week, a full time employee who has been working steadily for six months is entitled to forty hours (1 week) of sick leave if he is ill. At the end of a year's steady employment, an individual may take eighty hours (2 weeks) of leave with salary if he is sick.

For example, an individual who started to work September 10, 1954, does not get sick leave pay until March 10, 1955, at which time he becomes eligible for a week's sick leave. When he has been here a year by September 10, 1955, he is allowed two week's sick leave if he is ill.

It must be noted at this point, however, that an employee's sick leave benefit does not increase after 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 months of employment. The person mentioned above, for example, gets no more than a week's sick leave if he works steadily until August 10, 1955 (his eleventh month of employment).

Part time employees working twenty hours or more per week may receive sick leave benefit on a proportionate basis. In other words, an individual who works twenty hours per week is entitled to twenty hours (1 work week) of sick leave after six months' employment and to forty hours (2 work weeks) after one year's employment. When an individual is hospitalized, his sick leave begins when he goes home.

Sick leave benefits are not cumulative from one year to another, and they cannot be added to the vacation period.

Displaying their new uniforms are hospital guards with Mr. James Reagan, center front, chief of the Protective Department. Standing, left to right, are Benjamin Gentile, Reginald Swansberg, Patsy Pizzi, William Keogh, and Harold Warrington. In the front row are Mark Zanella, James Kripp, Mr. Reagan, James Hughes, and George Hamilton.

BEFORE, various supplies and equipment in the Fracture Room of the Emergency Ward had been kept on three tables (the third is barely visible above) which caused doctors and nurses many steps in order to get the necessary matrials. Photographed above are Miss Elizabeth Grogan, supervisor of nursing, and Miss Dorothy Dale, supervisor in the Emergency Ward.

Lazy Suzan Latest Work Simplification Idea

A lazy Susan of five feet, six inches—technically called a roto-bin—has been installed in the Fracture Room of the Emergency Ward.

The idea, that of Miss Elizabeth Grogan, supervisor of nursing, saves nurses and doctors many steps. As a matter of fact, the doctor can help himself to the necessary bandages and equipment by having the roto-bin within arm's reach, thus eliminating the aid of a nurse during rushed periods. Almost all the equipment, bandages, dressings and splints are stored on this enormous lazy-Susan which has a diameter of 34 inches and seven tiers.

Previously, the different equipment was kept on three separate tables in the room.

AFTER, Dr. Thomas Daniels demonstrates the ease with which he reaches for supplies from the roto-bin. The apparatus, almost six feet tall, is on wheels and can be moved easily to any part of the room.

This Was News At M. G. H.

May 15, 1942—The M. G. H. Base Unit departed for Florida to make preparations for its service in Europe throughout World War II.

May 12, 1945—A German submarine commander who had been captured with his crew off Portsmouth, New Hampshire, was brought into the Emergency Ward from the Suffolk County Jail where he was held while awaiting trial. His attempted suicide was successful; he died a few hours after he was admitted.

May 23, 1946 — The cornerstone of the Vincent Memorial Hospital was laid.

May 16, 1951 — More than 5,000 persons inspected the new Research Building at its opening.

What Is It?

Tobacco, magnified fifteen times, is the answer to the question on page 1.

Art Exhibit By Four A's

The M.G.H. American Amateur Artists' Association which recently became the first Boston chapter of the national organization, displayed the work of its members with an exhibit on April 28 in the Brick Corridor.

The exhibit consisted of four categories: oil paintings, water colors, pencil and ink drawings, and ceramics.

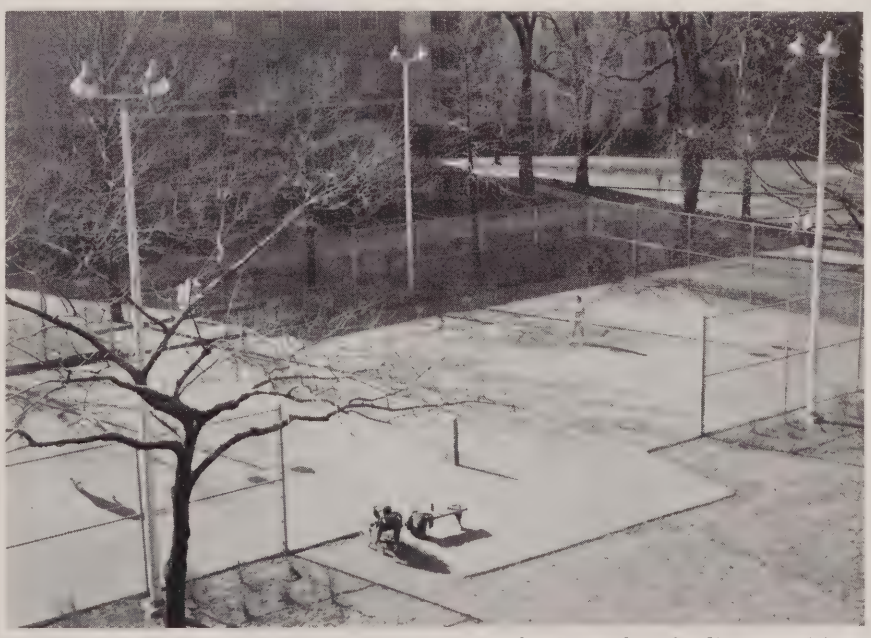
First prize winners, as voted by five judges, were Hazel Anderson, oils; Patricia Steed, pencil and ink drawings; and Elise Cunningham, water colors and ceramics. Honorable mention in the respective media went to Hazel Anderson, Katherine Villanger, Doris Parthum, and Thelma Rubinstein.

In addition to the vote of the judges, staff members and employees had the opportunity to select their favorites. Interestingly enough, those who won first prize on this basis were the same as those selected by the judges, with one exception. Mildred Blank won the pencil and ink category. Honorable mention was given to Mary Miller, Maretta MacCleave, Mildred Blank, and Esther Fich.

Judges for the exhibit were Dr. Charles Clay, Miss Cora Holbrook, Mrs. Muriel Miller, Mr. Nicholas Mackovak, and Miss Rosalie Daniels.

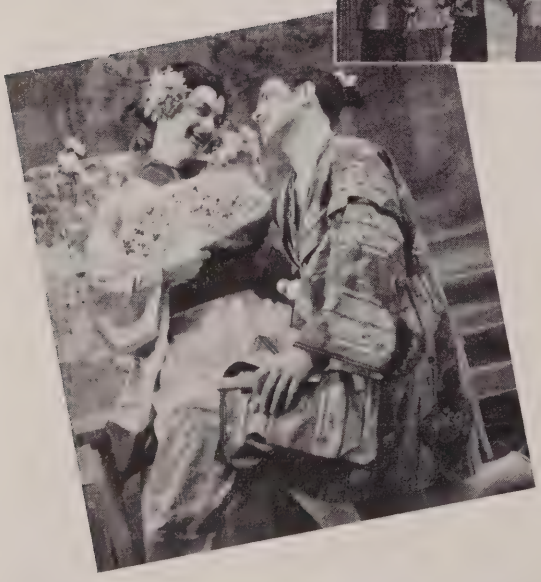
Daffynitions

Cesarean section: A district in Rome.
Dilate: To live long.
Lumbar Puncture: A knothole.
Morbid: A higher offer.
Outpatient: A person who has fainted.
Protein: In favor of young people.



Tennis enthusiasts wasted no time as New England weather finally turned into spring. The tennis court on the Bulfinch Lawn is available to all hospital personnel and permission for its use may be obtained in person at the White Information Desk.

"THE MIKADO" HAILED A SUCCESS



Some of the scenes from the M.G.H. Operetta Company's performance of "The Mikado" will long be remembered. Top left: Maurice Fontaine, Richard Rogers and Anthony Gallo. Top right: "The three little girls" as played by Sandison Tillotson, Carol Renz and Elizabeth McCarthy. Center: chorus scenes. Bottom left: Carol Renz and Maurice Fontaine. Bottom right: Peter Terry and Katherine Laffin.

"THE MIKADO"

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as Ko-Ko, Richard Rogers of Bulfinch Nursing as Pooh-Bab, Elizabeth McCarthy as Pitti-Sing, Sandison Tillotson, Nursery School teacher, as Peep-Bo, Katherine Laffin as Katisha and Anthony Gallo of the Harvard Medical School as Pish-Tush.

In addition to the fine singing and acting of principals and chorus, the costumes of male and female chorus deserve mention, for they were made by members of the company.

No performance of the operetta company would be complete without the scenery of Mr. and Mrs. James Lyons. Mr. Lyons, aide in the Emergency Ward, and his wife, Eleanor, have made the operetta decors for a few years.

ALLEY TALLIES

Congratulations to the Refrigeration Team who are now the champions of the M. G. H. Bowling League for the 1954-55 season. The team composed of Eddie Sharpe, John Baxivonus, Bill Haugh, John Murphy, and Captain "Curly" Gray, glided through the entire season of 28 weeks, except for a few occasions, ahead of all the other teams. They started off slowly in September but gradually picked up pace so that by the half-season they were on the top of the league. From this point on they were tough to beat, not only because of their great bowling power, but also because of Captain Gray's extraordinary heckling ability.

The high single string title goes to Eddie Sharpe (Refrigeration) who bowled an outstanding 133 early in the mid-season and held onto the title throughout the remainder of the season.

Another bowler who will receive a trophy is John Rainone of the Maintenance Team. This group, by the way, was the runner-up team in the last half of the season. Rainone bowled three strings in one evening for a total of 328, making him the king of the high-three string title.

Honorable mention goes to the following outstanding bowlers of the league: Joe St. Pierre (Print Shop), who finished on top of the league with a 96 average; Mal McLean (Maintenance), a great bowler and a swell sport; Everett "Curly" Gray (Refrigeration), a loud voice and a shiny scalp but also a good bowler; Fred Mapplebeck (Electricians), who always comes through when he's needed; and last but by no means least is Dave Catalano (Pharmacy), a rookie in the league who showed much interest and proved himself a worthy bowler.

There are many more such men as I have just mentioned who belong to this league and of whom a few words should be said, but because of space, it is difficult to do so. However, there is one other person I would like to mention for having organized and kept together the bowling league this season. He is none other than our president, Ralph Cluff (Print Shop).

Ralph extends this thanks and appreciation to everyone who made this past season so successful.

Russ Gasdia

Miss Sara MacPherson, standing, wearing corsage, was the guest of honor at a tea in the Hooper Room of the Clinics on May 10 as she retired after 41 years of service to M.G.H.

MISS MacPHERSON

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active. In 1931 she was asked to interview and admit as free patients to the Out-Patient Department the many people who were on relief as a result of the depression. This experience was entirely new to Miss MacPherson, but the greatest challenge was that of obtaining funds from the various communities to pay for the services rendered their respective citizens. Although a radically new endeavor at that time, this function of the hospital is now eagerly accepted by many M.G.H. patients and Massachusetts towns which send their sick to us because they do not have community hospitals.

A letter, written to Miss MacPherson by Miss Evelyn Powers of the Haverhill Board of Public Health, includes the following: "Forty years of wonderful service, not only to the hospital, but also to the hundreds and thousands of folks, who, in their hours of anxiety . . . have received the sympathetic understanding which you possess."

Although Miss MacPherson completed her duties in the welfare and accounting department of the Clinics on May 11, she will assume a part-time position upon her return from a vacation in Bermuda. As long as she is able, Miss MacPherson believes in keeping active.

Dietary Tidbits

We have had the pleasure of saying "welcome back" to several friends lately. **Mable Smith** returned to Baker and started her new duties as food supervisor there on April 18. **Kit Carson**, after a leave of absence, returned to his familiar spot as cook in White Kitchen. We all know Kit best as Mr. Santa Claus. **Paul Zarnowski**, of White Kitchen pot room, is able to be back after a long illness. It seems natural to see him about again. **Robert Borden**, formerly in White Dish Room, has returned and is in White truck room. **Madeline Christmas** has returned to Nurses' Cafeteria folowing a trip to her home in Canada and **Zoe Brown** is back after many weeks of restriction due to an injured knee.

Up on the clouds as a result of their engagement are **Lydia Maslovskis**, diet aide in Bulfinch, and **Lorraine Cutillo** of our Cafeteria cashiering unit.

Congratulations to **Jim Horner**, cook in White Kitchen, who had a baby daughter born to his wife on May 9.

George Spears, cook in Baker Kitchen, loves to fish — thus the sunburn you cannot miss.

Fannie Mills of Bulfinch has been transferred from food server to diet aide. **Alberta Bowen** has resigned from Food Service in Vincent Burnham to prepare to become a licensed practical attendant.

Erwin Crichlow and **Wesley Wallace**, both of White Kitchen, were the waiters who received commendation for their service at the Special Dinner Party in our hospital on Sunday, May 8.

Frances Harvey

Boat Trips at Reduced Fares

Staff members and employees of M. G. H. and their families may enjoy boat trips to Nantasket and Provincetown at a reduced rate as a result of the Wilson Line Industrial Vacation Plan.

This plan enables hospital personnel to save 40 cents to a dollar on each trip during the season. The season begins on May 28 for Nantasket Beach trips and June 4 for Provincetown trips and runs up to and includes Labor Day.

Discount coupons are available in the Personnel Department upon request.

ENJOY THE MEMORIAL DAY WEEK-END—DRIVE CAREFULLY

ABOUT FOLKS

Nursing

Miss Jean Windsor, formerly assistant head nurse on White 11, is now head nurse on White 8.

Mrs. Christine Lane has a new position as an aide in the White Operating Room.

We are glad to see **Mr. Alec McLean,** aide on White 6, back on duty after having undergone surgery.

Mrs. Agnes McGovern of the Pharmacy certainly deserves to be congratulated for her outstanding job in selling tickets for the operetta, "The Mikado."

We welcome to our staff the following hospital aides who completed their training course last month: **Vada Cowans, Mary DeRocha, Dorothy Goodrum, Clement High, Marion McCumber, Frances Mlocek, Bessie Moore, Dorothy Oliver, Victor Shelly, Carrie Tarbox,** and **Barbara White.**

John McCracken

Medical Records

The Correspondence Section on March 29 gave a farewell dinner for **Laura Pechilis** who left to be married to George Skodares on April 24.

Shirley Klotz, who left the Processing Room at Christmas time for Los Angeles, is back at work. Asked the reason for her short stay, "I was homesick," Shirley said.

Enid Squire

Housekeeping

Mike Presti, elevator operator in the White Building, retired May 20 after twenty-eight years with M. G. H. While employed here Mr. Presti operated elevators in both the Bulfinch and White Buildings.

Eswej Solod of the White Building was recently discharged from the hospital as a patient following surgery.

John Currie of Vincent Burnham welcomed a new addition to his family. This makes the seventh daughter for the Curries.

Mr. Robert May and **Mr. Philip Quinn,** supervisors, recently attended a demonstration for floor care by the Lampco Wax Company as guests of the Massachusetts Memorial Hospitals.

Joseph Doherty

Accounting

Regretfully we report that **Jerry Murphy,** cost accountant, left to open up his own business in Falmouth. Needless to say, our best wishes go with him.

Charlotte Matulsky is taking lessons in fingerprinting and we understand she has become quite proficient in this form of art.

Ernest Zunino of Tabulating, who already has a rather elaborate vegetable garden at his Holbrook home, is seriously thinking of expanding operations this summer by raising chickens.

A belated welcome to **Arlene Reed** of Dedham, the most recent addition to the Tabulating staff.

Congratulations to **Mike Finley** who recently announced the arrival of a bouncing baby boy.

Joseph McCue

Eye and Ear Infirmary

At the National Conference of Social Workers to be held in San Francisco, California, beginning May 30, **Miss Madeline Shipsey** and **Miss Mary Love** will represent the Infirmary's Social Service Department.

Mrs. Stella Cantor, also of this department, attended the national conference of the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness, held in New York on March 16 and 17 at the Hotel Statler. She especially enjoyed the conference, "Psychoanalytic Considerations for Professional Workers in the Prevention of Blindness," given by a contributing editor of the **Psychoanalytic Quarterly.**

In the Accounting Department, **Mr. Martin Bernstein** now holds the position formerly occupied by **Mr. Frank Thompson,** and **Miss Helen Kirby** has taken the place of **Mrs. Bernice Russo** as cashier.

Miss Dorothy Craig has been added to the Nursing Staff on the fifth floor.

The fourth floor staff recently held a party to celebrate the marriage of **Mrs. Arthur Geswell,** at which they presented her with a Martha Washington bedspread.

On May 17 a dinner was held for the secretaries of the Infirmary staff doctors in the hospital cafeteria. This is the second time that the hospital has acted as host to the doctors' secretaries to give them an opportunity to discuss Blue Cross and insurance policies and to let them get acquainted with the Infirmary.

On National Hospital Day, **Dr. William Parkes Beetham,** staff surgeon, was presented a pin for 25 years of service at the Infirmary. Recipient of the 20 year pin was **Miss Walborg Peterson, R.N.,** while **Mr. Francis S. Hill, Mrs. Margaret Regan, Miss Mary Sullivan, R.N., Mrs. Paul A. Doehler, Miss Mary Jane MacKay, R.N.,** and **Mrs. Mary Pedulla** all received pins for 10 years of service.

Dr. Edwin B. Dunphy, Chief of Ophthalmology, presented the award of American Hospital Association pins to seven of the volunteers who had worked 100 hours during the past year. The awards were made at a tea to honor the Infirmary volunteers which was held in the Surgeons' Parlor on National Hospital Day, May 12. This year for the first time, a special presentation was made to six volunteers who had served for five years or longer. Among the 75 guests were members of the hospital personnel and nursing staff who have worked with the volunteers throughout the year.

Mrs. Doris Doherty, R.N., former evening supervisor, has returned to the Infirmary as acting Assistant Director of Nursing and Nursing Education for the summer months. Mrs. Doherty received her B.S. degree from Simmons College and is a graduate of M. G. H.

Miss Evelyn Perkins, R.N., M. G. H. graduate and day nursing supervisor at the Infirmary, will receive her B.S. degree in Nursing from Boston University in June.

Personnel Changes: Coming all the way from Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, **Miss Georgina Sylliboy** is the newest member of the accounting department. **Miss June Vine** has also joined us as the new Public Relations Assistant, and **Mr. Richard Webber,** third floor orderly, is another newcomer. Several members of the Infirmary have left for "foreign shores." **Miss Maureen O'Brien,** former Public Relations Assistant, has sailed for Europe; **Mrs. Anna Lavoie,** staff relief nurse, has joined her Air Force husband who is stationed in Delaware; and **Miss Isabelle Taavares,** nurses' aide, has left for California.

Miss Margaret Paton will be leaving her job as Patients' Accounts secretary to be married on June 11.

Miss Annette Lawless of the Winthrop Foundation has recently returned to her job as the new Mrs. John F. Lyons.

Sailing on May 27 for a month's vacation in Europe is **Mrs. Virginia Gerould,** Public Relations Director.

June Vine

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Dr. John T. Murphy, after receiving an honorary degree from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, is awarded by Mr. Stephen Grady of the Gray Pharmaceutical Company. Photographed with them are; back row, left to right, Dean Howard Newton, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy; Mrs. Howard Jarvis, daughter of Dr. Murphy; and Professor Leslie Onmart; Massachusetts College of Pharmacy. In the middle row are John Murphy, Mrs. John T. Murphy and Gerald Murphy. Daughter Rosemary stands in front.

Dr. Albright Honored By Harvard

Harvard University at its annual commencement exercises on June 16 honored Dr. Fuller Albright, physician at M.G.H. since 1939, by presenting him with an honorary degree of Doctor of Science.

Dr. Albright, noted for his original research on the metabolism of bone and tissue and its control by gland secretions, is a graduate of the Harvard Medical School. He has been on the university's staff since 1930.

He was cited as a "brilliant investigator in the complex field of metabolism; [his] keen mind and enormous courage are a credit to this university and to medicine."

Cornerstone Ceremonies For Medical Science Building

Ceremonies for the laying of the cornerstone of the Medical Science Building were held June 23 at 1:00 p.m.

Present at the laying of the cornerstone were Mr. Francis C. Gray, chairman of the Board of Trustees;

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Honorary Degree For John Murphy

Mr. John T. Murphy, Chief Pharmacist of M.G.H. and faculty member of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, received the honorary degree of Doctor of Pharmacy from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy at its commencement exercises on June 2.

Mr. Murphy, who has been with M.G.H. since 1922, was presented to President Samuel M. Best by Professor Leslie M. Ohmart who stated that Mr. Murphy, "more than any other, is responsible for the development of hospital pharmacy to the eminence it now occupies as a specialized field of activity within the profession. . . . Under his leadership his [Pharmacy] Department has become, not only one of the largest in this country, but unquestionably one of the finest. The

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EUROPEAN TRIP SET FOR OCTOBER

Group To Visit Six Countries

"Paris, here we come" have been the words enthusiastically uttered by the M.G.H. folks, relatives and friends who are anxiously awaiting October 1 when they will depart from Boston aboard an "Air France" constellation.

Relatives and Friends Included

The employees from M.G.H. and the Eye and Ear Infirmary who are going to Europe are Eileen Carey, Arthritis Research; Loretta Carter, Volunteer; Barbara Collins, Histochemistry; Nancy Cutter, assistant residence head; Anne Ellis, R.N., Medical Clinic; Myra Fairweather, L.P.N., Baker Nursing; Wilma French, Cortical Function; Eleanor George, Language Clinic; Marguerite Graham, Volunteer; Esther Johnson, R.N., Eye and Ear Anesthesia; Anne Jones, Histochemistry; Madeline Kearney, R.N., Baker Operating Room; Frank McCarthy, Photography; Irene O'-Leary, R.N., White Nursing; Louise Paolucci, Phillips House Accounting; Irene Palatine, Arthritis Research; Katherine Pierce, R.N., Phillips House Nursing; Margaret Ryan, R.N., Phillips House; Leonard Safford, Patients' Accounts; Mina Stewart, Volunteer; Winnifred Wilson, R.N., Staff Clinic; and Paul Woodard, R.N., Phillips House.

Approximately forty persons, including relatives and friends of our employees, will make up the total number of the group.

Plans Changed

Originally, plans for the European tour called for air transportation both

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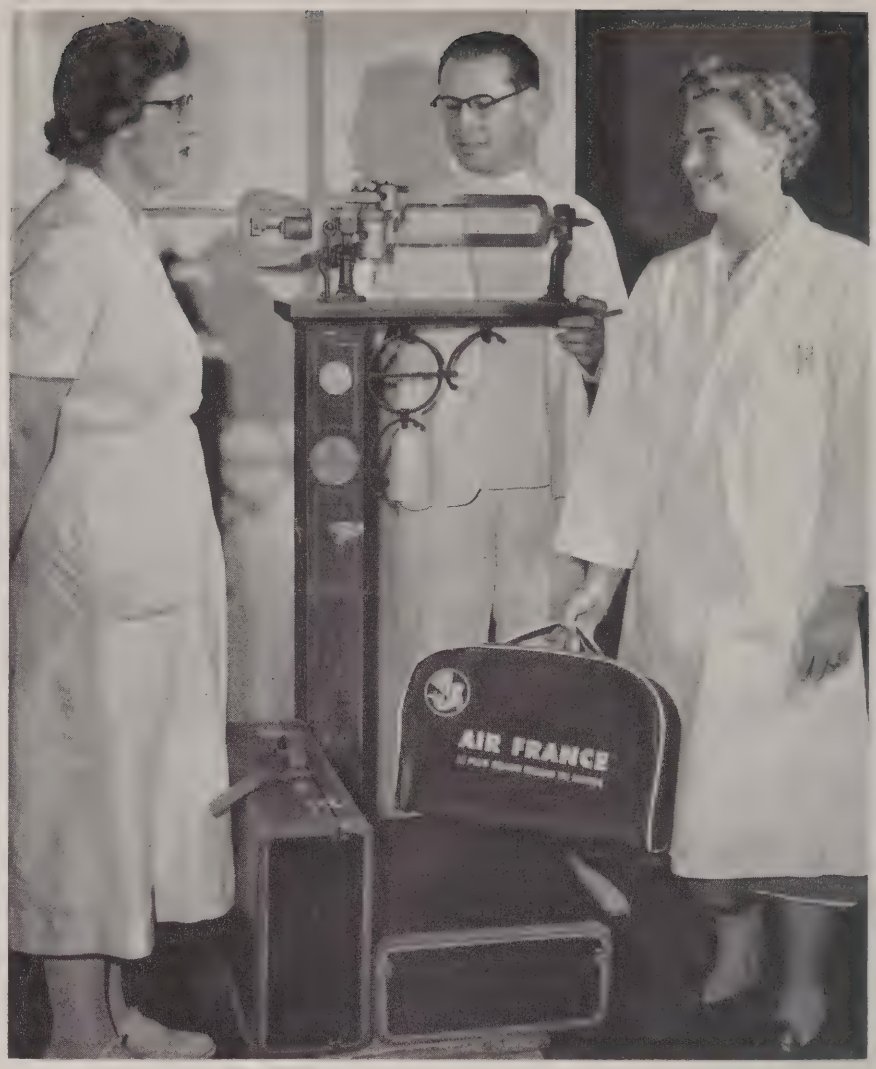

Preparing for their European trip by finding out how much can be included in 44 pounds of luggage are, left to right: Mrs. Myra Fairweather, L.P.N.; Paul Woodward, R.N.; and Barbara Collins, technician.

Play It Safe!

You work all year and look forward to the time when you can get into a car, take a train, or board a bus and be on your way to having a good time.

A lot of thought is given to how you can get fun, relaxation and excitement from every minute of your vacation. But if one does not pay attention to a few common-sense rules about safety, even the best vacation plans can be spoiled.

The National Safety Council offers a few tips for getting the most—and lasting enjoyment from your vacation.

If you're taking to the water—either to sail, fish, or to paddle, be sure to have life preservers in your boat. You'll be safe if you follow these rules: don't overload, seat your passengers for balance, never stand up or dive from small craft, watch for sudden storms, and avoid disturbed waters.

The best rule to follow if you are a non-swimmer is to avoid boats. Experienced swimmers frequently are the victims of sudden storms. Your chances of survival if you do not swim are far less.

And if you do swim, do not overestimate your ability. It's a good idea to swim with another person; experience does not eliminate the possibility of getting cramps. Regardless of the fact that we have been told to stay out of the water an hour after eating, many individuals completely ignore the fundamental rule. When diving, know the depth of the water and watch for hidden rocks. Only swim half as far as you think you can; remember, you have to swim back.

Water and sun usually go hand in hand. Avoid too much sun, particularly at the beginning of your vacation. You certainly will not enjoy the rest of your vacation if you "fry to a crisp" your first attempt to get a golden suntan.

If you plan to camp out, be sure you can identify poisonous snakes, animals, and plants. Ordinary poison ivy can ruin your vacation.

When you drive—if you do—be extra careful on strange roads. Don't drive too long; be sure to stop when you are tired. Keep in mind that signs are meant for your protection—obey them.

A summer vacation is eagerly awaited by everyone. Make sure you will have pleasant memories—play it safe!

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ways. With the present plans, however, only a few individuals will fly back; the others prefer a restful ocean voyage.

Some people will return on the French liner, "La Liberte", on October 19 and the others will sail on the newest of the American ships, the "United States", on October 20. Both ships will leave from Southampton, England, and will dock in New York on October 25.

Extensive Travel

The group, after remaining in Paris for two days, will go to Nice, then along the French and Italian Rivieras through Monte Carlo and Genoa to Santa Margharita. This will be followed by two days in Florence and almost three days in Rome.

After leaving the historic city the group will continue on to Switzerland where they will visit Berne and Lu-

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Dr. Meigs Resigns

The resignation of Dr. Joe V. Meigs, chief of the Gynecology Service at M.G.H. and chief of the Vincent Memorial Hospital, is effective July 1. He will be succeeded by Dr. Howard Ulfelder.

A graduate of the Harvard Medical School, Dr. Meigs was for twenty-five years chief of the Vincent Memorial Hospital. Three years after he became a member of the M.G.H. staff in 1938, he assumed the position of the chief of gynecology.

Dr. Meigs will continue to practice from private offices at 226 Marlborough Street. He also will remain on the staff of Harvard Medical School as clinical professor of gynecology, a position he has held since 1942.

MR. MURPHY

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respect and esteem in which [Mr. Murphy] is held by his associates in the allied health profession is shown by his committee assignments in the hospital administration."

In addition to serving as secretary of the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, Mr. Murphy is a member of the Surgical Instruments Committee, Operating Room Techniques Committee and the Advisory Committee on Nursing Practices.

Mr. Murphy is an author and teacher as well as an administrator. He is the author of the Formulary of the Massachusetts General Hospital and has written many scientific papers which have been published in pharmaceutical and medical journals.

Active in the Massachusetts Society of Hospital Pharmacists since its inception, Mr. Murphy has served as its president and is largely responsible for the organization's continued growth.

"Always an ardent teacher," Professor Omhart continued in his citation, "he [Mr. Murphy] has inspired the young people under his direction by his precept and example, and they have gone forth from his department to carve notable careers for themselves in the field of hospital pharmacy. Today, as a member of our faculty and responsible for our hospital pharmacy internship program his influence is greater than ever."

Mr. Murphy has been the head of the Pharmacy Department for the past eleven years.

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cerne. From there they will proceed to Brussels and to Amsterdam. The remaining three days, more or less, will be spent in and around London.

Mr. Peepers

Mr. Peepers is a Lady

Baker 10 can boast of a unique thing — a canary. For the past year, the personnel on the tenth floor of Baker Memorial have harbored this small pet without any apparent objections from him.

As a matter of fact, the feathered vertebrate was discovered by a patient one day about a year ago when it flew in through an open window in the patient's room. When the patient told the nurses of the tiny visitor he had, the nurse was anything but credulous.

At any rate, the patient's sanity proved sound and the maternal and paternal instincts of the employees of the floor were aroused. A cage was bought and the name of Mr. Peepers was given to the tiny creature.

Everyone, including many patients and doctors, contributes periodically for the pet's food. Mr. Peepers is fed (quite well) by the personnel on the floor. Occasionally he may get an extra meal as a result of duplicate efforts, but he does not complain.

But as very often happens, something was amiss. In this case it was a melodic tune. And that's how it was discovered that Mr. Peepers is a lady!

CORNERSTONE

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Mr. Phillips Ketchum, Mr. Ralph Lowell, Dr. Dean A. Clark, General Director; Mr. Henry Shepley of Shepley, Bulfinch, Richardson and Abbott, architects; and Mr. Thorwald Paulsen of the G. A. Fuller Company, contractors. Dr. Benjamin Castleman, chief of pathology and chairman of the Staff Building Committee; Dr. Raymond Adams, hcief of neurology; Dr. Chester Frazier, chief of dermatology; Dr. Urich Lindemann, chief of psychiatry; and Dr. James White, chief of neurosurgery, were also present.

The Medical Science Building, which is expected to be complete around March, 1956, will house the pathology, neurology, neurosurgery, dermatology, and psychiatry departments.

Reporter Guilty Of Taking 'World' Staff For a Ride

"Seeing is believing" goes the old adage, but we maintain that you can't always believe all that you see . . . particularly if you are looking at newspapers. And **The World** is no exception.

A confession of this nature is apt to harm the circulation of this modest publication, but we must confess—we have been taken for a real ride! The most embarrassing thing is that almost an entire department was in on the joke.

Who could stoop to such a trick? The answer is relatively simple. It seems that the present reporter from the Accounting Department—Joseph McCue by name—could do just this. Evidently Mr. McCue felt that he didn't have sufficient material to report about. Or perhaps he felt that feature stories rather than news stories were his particular meat.

Whatever his reasons, he started to inject items which were figments of his imagination. These were not of a sensational nature, you understand, but merely half truths or elaborations of things some people suggested while conversing with him.

One person, for example, said that he wished he had a dog. Mr. McCue took care of this when he submitted an item to **The World** in which he stated that anyone interested in selling a dog should contact this particular individual. We later discovered that this person would like a dog **if** his family didn't object and **if** he could afford the animal and its upkeep . . . and so on.

Items of this nature and others less authentic continued to appear in our publication. The reporter's honesty was not questioned. The only people who knew the stories were not quite true were the individuals in the Accounting Department.

The final item which exposed our imaginative reporter was that in which he reported of a fingerprinting course which Miss Charlotte Matulsky was taking. When inquiries were made your editor investigated and found that Miss Matulsky had never even thought of undertaking such a thing. We think that Mr. McCue thinks Miss Matulsky should take up this study . . . it might be an asset in her work.

Mr. McCue was found guilty . . . guilty of joshing his fellow workers, and also of making some of his colleagues accessories of his crime.

But since the crime was that of making people laugh (and we do have a sense of humor), he is pardoned.

Nursing School Graduates 106

The Massachusetts General Hospital School of Nursing graduated 106 student nurses in the diploma and degree programs at the commencement exercises at John Hancock Hall on June 10 at three o'clock. Mr. John E. Lawrence, Chairman of the Trustees' Committee to the School of Nursing and Nursing Service, presided at the ceremonies and awarded the diplomas.

Dr. Dana L. Farnsworth, Henry K. Oliver Professor of Hygiene and Director of Health Services at Harvard University and Associate Physician at the Massachusetts General Hospital, delivered the Commencement Address.

Miss Ruth Sleeper, Director of the School of Nursing and Nursing Service, presented a report of the School.

Following the exercises a reception on the Bulfinch Lawn was given by the Massachusetts General Hospital Nurses Alumnae Association for the graduates, their families and friends.

The commencement exercises brought to a close a week of graduation activities which included the senior formal at the Wayside Inn, Sudbury; the Baccalaureate Services on Sunday evening, June 5, in Trinity Church, Boston, when the Reverend E. Eager Wood, Rector of St. James Church, Roxbury, delivered the address; and the internship capping ceremonies for the students in the March section of the graduating class which took place in Bartlett Hall immediately preceding the graduation exercises.

The officers of the class are president, Barbara Whitney, vice president, Audrey Hatch, secretary, Joan Piekarski, and treasurer, Janet Oteiza.

Volunteers Feeding More Patients

M.G.H. volunteers have always helped in feeding incapacitated patients, but since June 1 an attempt has been made by the Volunteer Department to provide a regular staff of volunteers to give patients their meals on Bulfinch 3, White 11 and Burnham 4.

Last week, twenty-five volunteers provided this service for approximately thirty-two patients. More assistance is needed, however, since there are many more patients who require help while eating. This is a service appreciated by nurses and patients alike.

Patients eat between 11:45 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. and from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Employees who have long lunch periods or who wish to remain a half-hour after work may participate in this program, even if it means feeding one patient once a week. If interested call the Volunteer Department at extension 2157.

Eye and Ear Infirmary

A tea was given on June 30 in honor of **Mrs. Helen F. Kirwin** on her retirement after many years of service in the social service department. Among the 175 guests were members of the Infirmary and M.G.H. staffs, both past and present, and various other friends who have had contact with Mrs. Kirwin during her career at the Infirmary.

Recent personnel changes: **Miss Myrna Zeitler** is replacing **Miss Helen Clark** as admitting clerk, and **Joan Vachon** is secretary to **Mrs. Althea Brady**, R.N.

Miss Dorothy Craig of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, is the new head nurse on the fifth floor replacing **Miss Jennie Kaizzi,** who has left to become a first lieutenant in the Air Force Nurse Corps.

The result of someone's new camera—Mr. William MacNair, head of the Housekeeping Department poses obligingly with his staff. Front row, left to right: Vincent Caggiano, Mr. MacNair, Mrs. Ruth Harrington. In the second row are Frederick Stevens, Robert Norman and Thomas Hayes and in the last row are Robert May, Joseph Doherty and Philip Quinn.

The Queen Elizabeth has sailed for England carrying as passengers **Miss Beatrice Kendricks.** who has gone to visit her family in Northampton for the summer. She is being replaced as four floor staff nurse by **Miss Manik Sahatjian** of Iran.

Mr. Robert Lofgren and **Mr. Frank Beekman,** both fourth year students at Boston University Medical School, are working on fourth floor for the summer.

Miss Genevieve Quigley is replacing **Mrs. Henrietta Monroe** as relief nurse on the fourth floor.

Miss Marie Courtney will return shortly to her job as staff nurse in the Children's Ward as the new **Mrs. John Hester.**

Another newcomer in the Children's Ward is **Miss Marilyn Balinski,** staff nurse.

New staff nurses on the second floor include **Miss Florence Kulberg,** and **Mrs. Freda Mulkern.**

Miss Evelyn Coffey, attendant on the second floor, has left for New York and will go into nurses training next year.

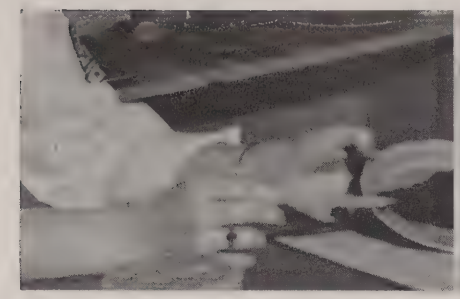
John McInnis, orderly in the Operating Room, and his family vacationed in Florida for five weeks.

June Vine

"Circus time," squeal the delighted youngsters in the Burnham Memorial Hospital for Children as members of "The Greatest Show on Earth" go through their antics for the children's benefit.

DRIVE CAREFULLY

HANDS TELL THE STORY



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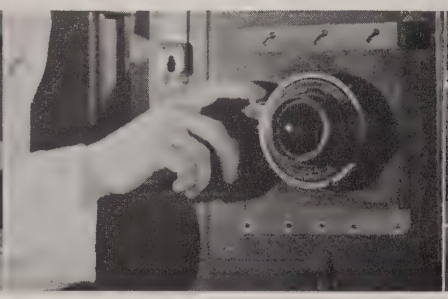


Photographer . . .

Doctor and Nurse

As we can see in the surrounding pictures, hands do tell a story. This pictorial story is only a partial one, but it is evidence of the fact that our organization requires many skills and many types of workers in order to fulfill our common goal—that of providing the best possible care for the patient.

Within the walls of M.G.H. are individuals who represent many professions, trades, and skills. Without the great variety of competent hands which keep moving at their respective tasks throughout the days—and nights, in many cases—the hospital could not function.

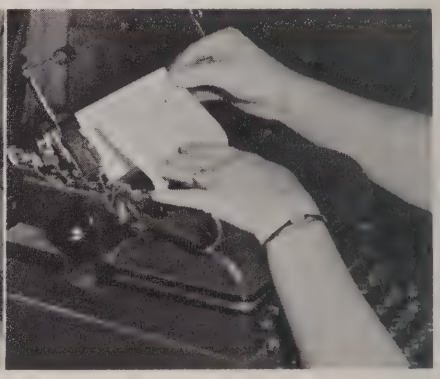
Sharp contrasts are seen easily as one observes the hands of a typist and a physiotherapist, a painter and a doctor, a baker and a carpenter, and a nurse and a switchboard operator.

Each job requires varying degrees of dexterity, strength, mobility, training and experience.

Each pair of hands tells a story. The stories are similar in that their object is to provide the patient with unexcelled care and services.

Technician . . .

Carpenter . . .



Secretary

Cancer Society Sponsors Speech Course At Infirmary

A ten day teacher training course in esophageal speech was given at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary from June 6 to June 16 under the sponsorship of the American Cancer Society, Massachusetts Division. The classes were given by Mrs. Paul A. Doehler, nationally known teacher of speech, to laryngectomized persons from all parts of the country.

The purpose of this course, first of its kind, was to establish a definite high standard of esophageal voice teaching. The students, with two exceptions, were all laryngectomees—that is, their larynxes (voice box) had been removed because of cancer. Most of the pupils were already able to speak using the basic technique of swallowing air and causing it to vibrate against the esophagus—which produces a husky but completely clear form of speech even without a larynx. Some of them were already teaching as members of various "Lost Chord" clubs throughout the United States. Because of the importance of standardizing the method of instruction, the National Office of the American Cancer Society recommended to its 60 local divisions that scholarships be given to enable properly qualified participants from their area to attend.

The local divisions responded on a national scale sponsoring people from as far west as California. So great was the interest in this course that even without scholarships individuals arrived from great distance to learn a professional method of instruction.

Mrs. Doehler was a teacher of remedial reading prior to her own laryngectomy and with the assistance of Dr. LeRoy A. Schall, Chief of Otolaryngology at the Infirmary, she worked out a method of esophageal speech. It was so successful that the American Cancer Society (Massachusetts Division) decided to sponsor her as a full time teacher at the hospital to help with the rehabilitation of these cancer victims. She has appeared on radio and television and has also written the first handbook on esophageal speech. This handbook, which is in great demand, presents her unique method of instruction as well as helpful speech exercises.

Because no one except another laryngectomee can really understand the physical and emotional problems of the laryngectomized, Mrs. Doehler tried to limit her course to those who could encourage the most confidence and respect in their teaching. The course covered the whole problem of a laryngestomee including the psychological effects, basic speech formation and development, social service aspects, rehabilitation and gave individual assistance to the teacher-trainees.

June Vine

Concert In Bartlett Hall

The second annual concert was held in Bartlett Hall on June 21 at 8:00 p.m.

The program, which was free to hospital personnel, featured pianists Ruth Sorge and Frederick Wilson, violinist Margaret Reid, soprano Margaret Patterson, baritone Richard Rogers, and dancer Althea Madge.

ABOUT FOLKS

Social Service

The month of June is witnessing many changes and departures. Two new members of the department are **Miss Myerma Hersey** in the Neurological Service and **Miss Faith Sulloway** in the Surgical Service.

Miss Phoebe Cover, Medical Service, has left and will spend the summer in England. **Miss Eileen Gerlach** of the Clinics' Medical Clinic will have an experience in group work at a Wisconsin camp this summer. **Mrs. Margaret Nichols**, formerly with the Tumor Clinic, is now at the V. A. Hospital in West Roxbury. Now with the Cambridge City Hospital's Social Service Department is **Mrs. Helen Sharar. Miss Miriam Tom**, Medical Service, is visiting the West Coast before her return home to Hawaii.

June also has brought a wedding—that of **Miss Judy Merrow** to Mr. Gordon McGovern.

Ora Barken

Nursing

Our deepest sympathy to **Miss Sheila O'Leary**, head nurse of White 5B, upon the recent death of her father.

Miss Gertrude Salmon, floor secretary on Vincent 3 has resigned in order to care for her sister who is ill.

Clinical instructor **Shirely Wells** recently announced her engagement. Wedding bells will ring in December.

We welcome **Mrs. Gladys Martin Gibson** back to C. S. R. after her recent marriage and Georgia honeymoon.

"Thanks, a million," says **Leslie McAfee**, hospital aide on White 11, to all the folks who dropped in to see him while he was hospitalized.

John McCracken

Pharmacy

The vacation list has been posted, plans have been made, and **Walter Steward** started with a week's vacation. **Mary Mooney** is now on vacation in Kentucky.

"Au revoir" and good luck to **Nellie Sherry** who has left.

Congratulations to **Margaret Gretz** upon her graduation from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy.

June 2 is a day to be remembered by employees of the Pharmacy—Chief Pharmacist **John Murphy** was awarded a well deserved honorary Doctor's Degree in Pharmacy by the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy. Congratulations from all of us.

David Kazaka

Medical Records

May 27 marked the end of a full week for the Correspondence Section: **Shirley Palmer's** birthday was celebrated; a newcomer, **Linda Olson**, was welcomed; farewells were said to **Mrs. Rose Brooks**, who had resigned to devote her time to her new home; to **Barbara Kaye**, who left to marry Sidney Kaplan and go to Miami Beach to live, and to **Mary Murray**, who, after a brief holiday with her family in New York, was to work for a private physician. There were flowers and gifts; and a tea was given in honor of Mrs. Brooks, who was amazed to see guests pouring in, when she had anticipated only a small affair, attended by her immediate personnel.

Enid Squire

Accounting Department

Welcome to new members of the department: **Irvin Orcutt**, our new cost accountant and **Margaret Flaherty** of Tabulating.

Mr. Lawrence Martin, our comptroller, has just returned from a two weeks' vacation looking well rested.

It's a baby boy, Warren William, for **Mrs. Virginia Whitten** of Tabulating.

Dan Cupid has been striking with reckless abandon in the vicinity of the Clinics' cashier's cage. **Marie Cumming** and **Jean Brister** were married on June 18 and June 11, respectively.

We're happy to learn that Bob Burns' wife is recovering nicely after some minor surgery.

The Accounting Offices on Baker 2 have been rearranged to allow for the new Medical Science Building Corridors to connect with the Baker Memorial Building. The Payroll Office is now located in Room 240.

Miss Louise Paolucci, Phillips House Cashier, is recovering from a minor foot operation.

Joseph P. McCue

Laboratories

New members of the Chemistry Lab Staff are **Tony Guarino, Edward Goodman, Daniel Der Vartanian** and **Brian Rourke.**

Members of the Chemistry Lab held a farewell dinner for **Mrs. Trudy Ku** who left the lab for a position with the Beacon Chemical Company, Cambridge and **Mr. Myron Zuber** who has become Chief Chemist at the Brockton Hospital.

Jeanne Russell

Baker Memorial

Congratulations to **Miss Martha Warren** of Baker 3 on her promotion to head nurse. She is replacing **Miss Doris Ruil** who married Mr. Joseph Furrier, Jr. on June 4.

Miss Ruth Bouzan, assistant head nurse on Baker 4, was married on May 2 to Mr. Donald Westwater.

Mrs. Margaret Campo of Baker 7, after treatment of an injured ankle, is back on duty.

Miss Marguerite Barbaso of Baker 9 was married June 1 to Dr. Philip Mario.

We wish to welcome **Miss Aslaug Kildal**, a graduate of the Levisenberg Hospital, Oslo, Norway, to the staff of Baker 9.

Her many friends will be pleased to know that **Mrs. Viola DiFronzo D'Annunzio** gave birth to a baby daughter, Camille, on May 15. Mrs. D'Annunzio is now living in New Jersey.

William Quinn

Dietary Tidbits

A happy event in the life of **Mrs. Madeline O'Meara** of our cashiering unit happened too late to make the last issue of **The World.** Her daughter gave birth to a son on May 17. His grandmother feels that he is just right in every way.

Olga Lewinsky of East and Nurses' Cafeterias is getting ready for a visit to her home in Germany after an absence of more than three years.

Paul Austin has transferred from the Baker Truckroom to the Food Store.

Robert Blair, Richard Caggiano, Richard Luschick and **Mallory Prout** and **Jeanne Picciuolo** who worked with us last year during vacation time are back with us this year.

Erwin Crichlow of White Kitchen and **Theron Van Brakle** of the Dishroom were unable to be at work as a result of illness but they have recovered and are on duty again.

We're sorry to hear that **Ruby Keitt**, floor server in Baker, is ill.

Frances Harvey

Here and There

Fred Mapplebeck, animal caretaker in the Huntington Lab, received a Harvard chair for his twenty-five years of service to the University.

Anne McLaughlin of the Secretaries' Office and **Rena Grasso**, formerly of the Secretaries' Office and now secretary in the Medical Service, spent their week's vacation in Bermuda.

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New Pension Plan in Effect

M.G.H. has adopted a Non-Contributory Pension Plan for its employees, it was announced recently by Dr. Dean A. Clark, General Director. The plan was effective as of September 5.

Employees of the Massachusetts General Hospital (including the General Hospital in Boston and the McLean Hospital in Waverley), of the Vincent Memorial Hospital, and of the Hall-Mercer Hospital (M.H.H. Division) are eligible for membership provided they fulfill certain requirements. Since

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SOCIAL SERVICE CELEBRATES FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Marks Half Century of Medical Social Service

Prior to 1905 organized medical social service was unknown; today no hospital in the United States, of any size worthy of the name, is without such a department. This month our Social Service Department marks its fiftieth anniversary of service to M.G.H. and to medical social service. The celebration will be commemorated with a three day program, October 20, 21 and 22, during which time will occur a reunion of alumnae, a day of pre-planned workshops, a buffet luncheon, a panel discussion with outstanding speakers and a banquet.

Evaluation of Development

These meetings and workshops will provide the opportunity to evaluate the development of medical social service for the past fifty years and to look forward to the growth which may take place in the half century which lies ahead.

Searching questions will be asked concerning such matters as comprehensive care of the patient, multidiscipline service, social problems of illness and the nature of the social worker's contribution. The leaders and members of each group will approach their subjects from three viewpoints: evaluation of past experience, assessment of present practice and creative planning for the future.

Unorganized Service Existed

From its earliest days the hospital attempted to lighten its patients' problems. While the hospital was small, this was not difficult, for the doctors could remain an intimate part of the hospital family. The trustees themselves visited the patients regularly, as did members of the Ladies' Visiting Committee, and frequently found need for giving assistance.

Great pains were taken to see that discharged patients were properly escorted to their homes, that patients left on the doorsteps were suitably placed, and that allied administration problems were handled as humanely and efficiently as possible.

Nineteenth Century Changes

As the population of the city increased at the end of the nineteenth century, the hospital grew. The increasing complexities of life and great advances in medicine necessitated a change.

Drugs alone were not sufficient. Treatment now involved a re-education in the manner of living; the pro-

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Dr. W. Franklin Wood, Director of the McLean Hospital, and Dr. Dean A. Clark, General Director of M.G.H., sign the formalized pension plan which became effective September 9.

Service Pins For 153 On Ether Day

Service pins were awarded to 153 individuals at the traditional Ether Day Program which was held in the Moseley Rotunda October 17 at 3:00 p.m.

Of these employees, 93 received pins for five years of service and 37 for ten years of service.

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Red Feather Drive Starts October 24

The 1956 M.G.H. Red Feather Drive is scheduled to start October 24 and will continue through November 17. The goal this year is $25,126.00.

In the Greater Boston area, 277 agencies are aided by the United Community Services. No other city in the country has as many Red Feather

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Typical of the activity in the treatment of polio patients is this scene on White 9. From June to September approximately 335 persons afflicted with poliomyelitis were admitted to M.G.H. Upon their discharge about 100 of these individuals continue to come to the Polio Clinic as out-patients.

A Credit To The Community

M.G.H. has never been a hospital known for work with poliomyelitis. This summer, however, it joined Children's Hospital, the Haynes Memorial and the Boston City Hospital in caring for the flood of polio patients.

The polio epidemic has not provided a unique test for M.G.H. In its history the hospital has been put through many tests, each time coming through successfully. Once again we have met a challenge—and from all observations, at this writing, we will meet it successfully.

In the process of devoting all our people and resources, the M.G.H. has been awe-inspiring in this situation, for we have seen one difficult problem after another solved.

Doctors, nurses, social workers, volunteers, the personnel of the Laundry, Maintenance, Housekeeping, Dietary, Physical Therapy Departments, Central Supply Room and laboratories are carrying a greater load than at any time in the history of the hospital.

Employees and staff members, carrying the burden of additional patients and anxious relatives, endured the heat of summer and extra work without complaint. Needless to say, the respect of individuals for each other has increased tremendously. Experiences such as the present one make us aware of the importance of working as a team with a single goal in mind: the best possible care of the patient.

The population of the world today is estimated to be 2,528,000,000.

New Purchasing Director

Mr. Joseph Hill, the newly appointed Director of Purchases, assumed his duties at M.G.H. on August 16.

Formerly, Mr. Hill was the purchasing agent at the New England Hospital in Roxbury. Prior to that he was a procurement officer with the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.

A graduate of Boston College, Mr. Hill holds a master's degree from Boston University.

Your Civic Duty

In a short time the city of Boston and many surrounding municipalities will hold their elections.

This is your opportunity to put into office the men and women who will best represent you.

The right to vote carries with it a responsibility — the responsibility of getting to know the candidates and their platforms and of getting to the polls on Election Day.

Regardless of your political party, your vote in your local elections is important to you and to your city. Furthermore, it is your duty in upholding our democratic ideals.

SERVICE PINS

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The one forty-year pin was awarded to William Beckman of the Maintenance Department.

Recipients of thirty-year pins were Mrs. Laura Corbett and Miss Mary Deery of Medical Records; Miss Margaret Doherty, Linen Control; Miss Winifred Glynn, Social Service; Mr. Abraham King, Orthopedic Workshop; Glenn W. Lawrence, D.D.S.; Miss Annie Lynch, X-Ray; and Miss Anna McLaughlin, Administration.

Staff members who received their twenty-five year service pins are Dr. Edward D. Churchill, Dr. Louis Dienes, Dr. Mildred Ryan and Dr. Richard H. Sweet.

Service pins for twenty years of service were awarded to Mrs. Constantine Braman, R.N., Phillips House Nursing; Mr. Guiseppe Cannarozza, Maintenance, Mr. Dominic Cervizzi, Pharmacy; Miss Anna Dickson, Dietary; John F. Kelly, D.C.S.; Mr. Raymond Kinsman, Maintenance; Miss Margaret O'Leary, Accounting; and Miss Grace Sherman, R.N., Nursing.

Following the ceremonies personnel and their relatives were served refreshments in the East Dining Room.

Having a Wonderful Time

Florence, Italy
October 8

Personnel Department

Thanks for a most delightful trip. It was well planned indeed; hotels first class in every way, food delicious, sightseeing delightful.

We are all a little tired but happy and ready to go some more. Tomorrow we leave for Assisi and Rome. I wish you could be with us.

Margaret Ryan

Editor's Note: We do, too.

An opportunity to get acquainted before their departure for Europe on October 1 was provided at a tea for M.G.H. and Eye and Ear Infirmary personnel, relatives and friends September 15 in the Doctors' Dining Room.

European Tour A Reality

The M.G.H. European Tour became a reality when forty-one individuals, comprised of M.G.H. and Eye and Infirmary personnel, their relatives and friends, boarded an **Air France** super constellation at Logan International Airport, October 1, at 7:00 p.m.

The twenty-five day tour, the first of its kind to be sponsored by a hospital for its employees, includes visits to France, Italy, Switzerland, Belgium, Holland and England.

At this writing the only word which has reached us is that the group arrived in Paris after a non-stop flight of approximately nine hours, about two hours less than the normal flight time from Boston to Paris. After the tourists were aboard the aircraft an hour, they were given a steak dinner—champagne and all the trimmings.

The majority of individuals will return by ship. Some will return on the French liner, "La Liberte", and others will return on the "United States". Both vessels will leave Southampton, England, and will dock in New York October 25.

Blue Cross Reminder

The Blue Cross-Blue Shield annual opening dates for membership were October 10 and 11. Despite individual notices to all employees, many people who had intended to join Blue Cross let the dates slip by. As a result, they will have to wait another year before they can become members.

If you are a new employee and are interested in participating in this program, please see Mrs. Galvin in the Personnel Department within thirty days of the day you started to work. If you delay, you will have to wait until the annual re-opening dates next fall.

If you are an old employee, remind your new co-worker of this Blue Cross ruling. Remember, exceptions cannot be made.

Team Plan Initiated By Nursing

The division of Nursing Service announces the initiation of the Nursing Team plan for patient care. Although this method has been used on some of the wards, mainly in Baker, it will be implemented and spread throughout the hospital. Pilot units will be set up on Bulfinch 3, White 5 AC, and Baker 7.

Better Patient Care

This method of assignment is designed to provide better care to all patients through the use of team work, under the direction of a professional nurse who acts as team leader. It was originally devised to meet the greater demands for nursing care to patients.

Under this plan, the licensed practical nurse, hospital aide, student nurse, and graduate nurse may be assigned as members of a team to give patient care, with the team leader responsible for planning and supervising the assignment. This means that the graduate nurse is always involved with the actual bedside care of the patients.

The Nursing Team Steering Committee which is responsible for the development of this plan is composed of Miss Irja Hill, chairman; Miss Regina Craffey, Miss Valerie Payne, and Miss Grace Martell, all of whom have attended a workshop on this subject at Columbia University. Also on the committee as advisors are Miss Frances Grady from Nursing Administration, Miss Justine Smith and Miss Virginia Johnson from Nursing Education, and Miss Muriel Poulin of Staff Education.

Training Film Required

In preparation for the start of these study units, a film in "Team Relationships in Nursing Care" is being shown twice a week on Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m. and on Thursdays at 2:30 p.m. on White 8 in the West Solarium. All the members of the nursing staff are required to attend at least one showing.

Conferences are planned to orient all nursing personnel to their responsibilities as a team number starting with the pilot units. As the plan progresses, it will be started on additional units the goal being hospital-wide.

New Reception Center Project Of Staff Wives

The Reception Center, the latest project of the Staff Wives, was launched officially September 26. Located in the corridor which joins the White and Moseley buildings, its purpose is that of directing professional visitors to their destinations throughout the hospital.

The Reception Center, open every week-day from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., will be hostessed by the Staff Wives.

Interested in Skiing?

With the vibrant colored leaves of New England trees falling quickly to the ground our thoughts wander ahead to winter and the great outdoors. Skiers, amateur as well as professional, can hardly wait for the first snow-fall.

Enthusiasts of one kind or another are always getting together. At M.G.H., however, ski enthusiasts seem to have a little difficulty. **The World** is attempting to help.

Several individuals have approached us in an effort of getting to know other people who are seriously interested in the sport. Some claim they have room in their cars for additional riders while others claim they would like to go skiing but their only means of transportation is the train (which is fine but it is more expensive).

If you fall into either category — or any other — and are interested in doing something about skiing this winter, contact Miss Scourtis at extension 810.

SOCIAL SERVICE

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vision of opportunity for rest, for relief from worries, of proper food, perhaps of special diets, a job, or the relief of some other fundamental need. The unorganized work that had been given to these problems became inadequate under the changing conditions.

Humble Beginning

The need for social service as the solution for filling the gap which existed between doctors and patients first became apparent to Dr. Richard Cabot, then Out-Patient Physician. In 1905 he employed two full-time social workers who, with the help of volunteer assistants, began their work in the Out-Patient Department.

Dr. Cabot's first annual report of the Social Service Department entitled "Social Service **Permitted** at the Massachusetts General Hospital", vividly states his concept of the situation: "In the Out-Patient Department of the . . . hospital (and I suppose in most other hospitals) there occurs many times each year a scene not unlike that described in **Alice in Wonderland:**

'Have some wine, said the Hatter.

I don't see any wine, said Alice.

There isn't any, said the Hatter.' Without any sense of the humor and pathos of the situation, we say (in substance) to many patients, take a vacation or get a job. There is none in sight and no means of getting any. What can we do then? We pass cheerfully to the next patient."

This prevailing attitude which resulted from lack of organization before the establishment of the Social Service Department was shortly overcome. Through friends Dr. Cabot raised funds and was able, with social workers and other physicians, to make medical care more effective.

In 1907 Miss Ida Cannon was appointed director of the department and held that position until her retirement in 1945. She was succeeded by the present director of the service, Miss Josephine Barbour.

Fourteen Year Trial

It was not until 1919 that the trustees, in their report, ". . . at length recognized the Hospital Social Service as a part of the Hospital System . . . long realized the importance of this Service and its admirable and efficient management."

Typical of all departments within the hospital, the Social Service Department has grown continuously. It spread from the Out-Patient Department where it had its inception to almost every part of the hospital at the request of clinicians who wanted this service for their patients. Furthermore, other hospitals developed similar departments.

The concept of disease has grown to include physical, emotional and **social** aspects, all of which must be understood and dealt with if medical diagnosis and treatment are to be effective. As a result, specialists, medical and otherwise, are required in the hospital team of today.

During 1905, 684 patients were served by this department, while approximately 9,000 were served in 1954. Each year there is an evident increase in the number of patients. The average monthly caseload in the year from October, 1953, to October, 1954, was 130 patients greater than the average monthly caseload for the preceding year.

There is now a staff of forty-nine social workers, and they are assigned to every service at M.G.H.

Distinctive Services

Two rather distinctive services have been developed here at M.G.H. Since 1930, at the request of doctors, a social worker has been assigned to full-time service for the private patients in Baker Memorial and Phillips House. The problems there are no different. Illness and handicap bring disruption of personal and family life, irrespective of social and financial status.

Assistance in care of children, plans for chronic or convalescent care, and help with other personal and family social problems are asked of the social worker. Many staff physicians use the service for their private office patients.

Teaching Aspect

The training of from ten to fourteen social service students from four schools of social work goes on yearly. There is also teaching of the social aspects of illness to those in allied professions—medical students, nurses, dietitians, and others. In addition to teaching, several workers have participated in clinical research projects.

Thus the Social Service Department has expanded and broadened its scope in a relatively short time. Upon its fiftieth anniversary it looks to the future expectantly.

Dr. Rutstein Conducts Medical Telecasts

Dr. David D. Rutstein, Associate Physician at M.G.H. and head of the Department of Preventive Medicine at the Harvard University Medical School, is responsible for the selection of medical topics for presentation on a series of telecasts over Station WGBH-TV, Channel 2, every Thursday at 8:30 p.m.

The aim of the series is the discussion of vital problems in the fields of medicine and community health. The first of the forty weekly programs was presented October 6.

"Through these carefully planned documentary programs, available to citizens in their homes," stated Harvard's President Nathan Pusey, "we hope to make it possible for the individual to understand the nature of recent medical developments and to help him reach wise decisions, in consultation with his personal physicians, on matters affecting his own health and that of his family and his community."

The series, entitled "The Facts of Medicine", is one of the first and one of the most authoritative telecasts on general health ever planned for television. It is the result from a grant made jointly to Harvard and the Lowell Institute by the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company.

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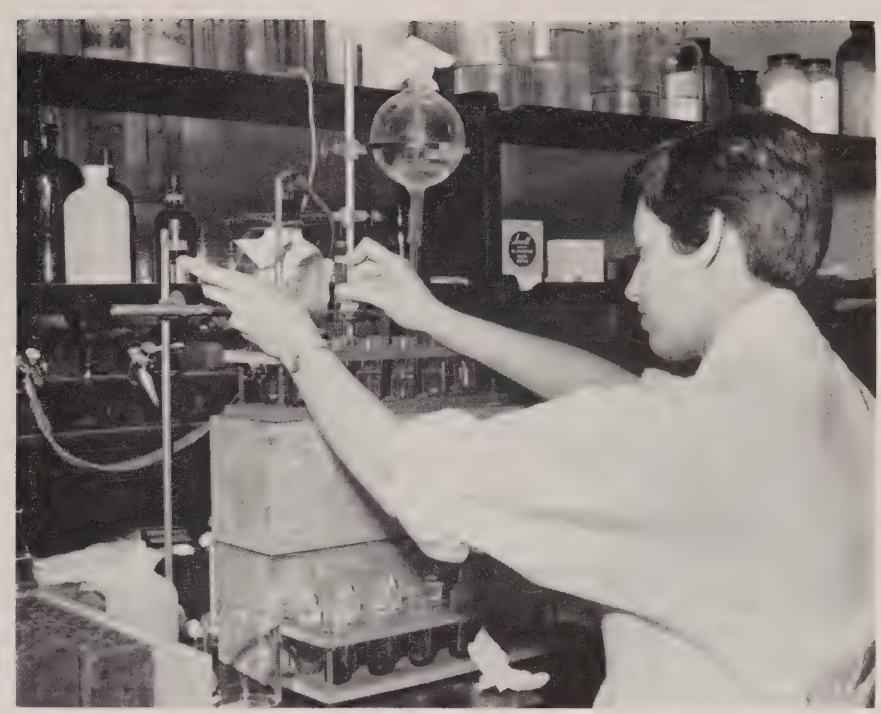

Miss Jane Claffey, technician, removes the sodium hydroxide from urine specimens.

Unobtrusively located on the fourth floor of the oldest of the M.G.H. buildings, that named after its designer, Bulfinch, is Dr. Albright's Lab. Recently renovated, this department consists of four laboratories, doctors' offices, a combination conference and chart room, and accommodations for a medical artist.

The work done here, headed by Dr. Fuller Albright, was initiated by him in 1929. It is concerned chiefly with the study of endocrines and endocrine diseases.

Complex Field

This complex field is a difficult one for laymen to comprehend.

The several endocrine glands and their secretions constitute a system for regulating the rates of growth, development, and function of certain tissues and the rates of many of the metabolic processes within the body. Metabolic processes are those which involve tissue change. Metabolism is the sum of all the physical and chemical processes by which living substance is produced and maintained. It also includes the process by which energy is made available to the body. These glands are considered as a system and not solely as separate organs, for few, if any, of their secretions act independently of one another.

Hormones are specific substances secreted into the general circulation by particular organs which make up the endocrine system. The secretions are carried to sites of action elsewhere in the body where they regulate the rates of specific processes. The thyroid gland, for example, produces a hormone called thyroxin. This secretion affects the metabolic rate, the calcification of bones, and the nervous activity of an individual.

Immature female mice are injected with a urinary extract by technician Mrs. Irma Gramer.

Two Aspects of Work

There are two aspects of the work conducted in Dr. Albright's Lab. The first consists of routine tests; the second is research.

The study of hormones is an important part of both the routine and research activity of the department. In 1930, a year after Dr. Albright started his work at M.G.H., the Ovarian Dysfunction Clinic of the Out-Patient Department was established. Here the patient is studied thoroughly from clinical and laboratory aspects in an effort to determine abnormalities.

Analysis of Kidney Stones

The analysis of kidney stones also forms a major activity of the laboratory. As with the study of hormones, there is an out-patient clinic which has as its purpose that of learning the cause and prevention of kidney stones.

It may be of interest to note that all kidney stones analysed in the department are stored and kept for future reference in a "stone" library, now totaling some 3,000 stones.

Research Activity Great

The research activities of the department include the study of interesting and unusual cases. There are two beds in the Mallinckrodt Ward, the research unit in Bulfinch, which are set aside for patients of Dr. Albright and his associates. These patients are hospitalized for treatment and observation. They may have bone diseases, kidney stones, or various kinds of endocrine disorders.

The Medical, Stone, and Ovarian Dysfunction Clinics provide an abundant source of patients for research purposes. From the patients treated and examined in these clinics, many rare conditions are presented to the staff—a benefit to patient and medicine.

Thus Dr. Albright and his staff strive to find more answers to the comlex field of metabolism and to apply and test theories which later become established facts.

Honors For Miss Sleeper

Miss Ruth Sleeper, Director of the School of Nursing and Nursing Service, was made an honorary member of the American Hospital Association at its annual convention held in Atlantic City, September 19 through September 21.

Miss Sleeper's honorary membership is in recognition of her service to the hospital field as the first president of the National League for Nursing.

Jackpot Tops Vacation

We wish it would happen, we think it might happen, but it never does happen. . . . Well . . . almost never, claims Miss Ruth Straitiff, admitting officer in the Clinics, for it did happen to her. While she was on her vacation she won $1,000!

It seems that one day Miss Straitiff, a purchaser of Jenney gasoline, wrote her name and address on a coupon which an attendant gave to her. While waiting for him to fill her automobile tank, she wrote on the dotted lines.

A few weeks later she was notified of being the winner of the second prize—$1,000. After Miss Straitiff received the check, she knew it was not a dream. What really surprised her was the fact that her name could be read. She states that her friends claim her penmanship is poor.

The Goblins Will Get You . . .

In the old Celtic calendar October 31 was the last day of the year. Its chief characteristics were the lighting of bonfires and the belief that this was the one night of the year during which ghosts and witches wandered abroad.

With the introduction of Christianity the date was taken over as the Eve of Hallowmas, or All Saints' Day.

Nevertheless, the custom of lighting fires survived until recently in the highlands of Scotland and Wales. Needless to say, the evening of October 31 is still devoted to all sorts of games in which old superstitions can be traced.

MAKE CARE YOUR SYMBOL OF SAFETY

Four A's Open For Membership

Hospital personnel, relatives and friends interested in joining the American Amateur Artists Association may register the first Thursday of every month, it was announced recently.

The classes, which commenced October 6, are held every Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the East Cafeteria. There is beginning and advanced instruction in oil, water color, pencil, pen and ink, charcoal, tempera, lettering and posters, life and portrait and ceramics.

RED FEATHER

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agencies. Chicago, the city with the second largest number of Red Feather agencies, has less than 200 such organizations.

M.G.H. is one of the twenty-seven hospitals in the community which receives funds from Red Feather. Last year, as in previous years, our personnel generously supported the Greater Boston campaign.

Contributions may be given to the captains and solicitors in each department. They may be made in the form of total donations, or they may be pledged amounts and be paid in instalments.

PENSION PLAN

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the hospitals pay the entire cost of the plan, an employee automatically becomes a member of the formal pension program if he has met the prerequisites.

A booklet summarizing the general features of the program has been distributed to all personnel.

Have you your M.G.H. identification card?

Bowling Season Underway

The election of officers of the M.G.H. Bowling League on September 16 in the Archives marked the beginning of the 1955-56 season.

Re-elected to office were President Ralph Cluff of the Print Shop and Secretary George Boyce of Dr. Albright's Lab. Roy Moon of Patients' Accounts and Malcolm McLean of the Electric Shop are the new treasurer and vice-president, respectively.

Everett Gray, Electric Shop; John Kwitcor, Plumbing; and Joseph St. Pierre, Baker Nursing; were elected members of the Rules Committee.

The eight teams comprising the league started to bowl September 19. They bowl every Monday night.

Daffynitions

Fester: Quicker.
Tablet: A small table.
Variola: A phonograph which plays all speeds.
Geriatrics: Mrs. Atrics' little boy.
G. I. Series: Baseball games between teams of soldiers.
Grippe: A suitcase.
Hangnail: A coat hook.
Adenoid: Bothered because of listening to radio-TV commercials.
Artery: The study of fine painting.
Coma: A punctuation mark.
Cornea: Even worse than this stuff.
Medical Staff: A doctor's cane.
Minor Operation: Coal digging.
Neurosis: Fresh cut flowers.
Nitrate: Lower than Day rate.
Node: Was aware of.
Organic: Musical.
Palsy: Friendly.
Paralyse: Two untruths.
Peduncle: A beloved relative.
Post-operative: A letter carrier.
Recovery: An extra blanket.
Secretion: Hiding anything.
Serology: Study of English knighthood.
Surgical blade: A gay doctor.
Tumor: An extra pair.
Varicose Veins: Veins which are close together.

WANTED: TALENT

Can you sketch? Make a pen and ink drawing? Draw a cartoon? Then you're just the person we need. Contact Miss Scourtis in the Personnel Department and we'll make you a part of the editorial board of **The World.** Don't be shy! We're particularly looking for amateurs.

Surrounding Miss Nancy Fraser upon her retirement after forty years of service are left to right, Dr. Edward Churchill and Dr. Walter Bauer. Standing, left to right: Dr. E. T. Neumann, Miss Miriam Huggard, Miss Edna Lepper, Dr. Alfred Ludwig, Miss Walborg Peterson, Miss Adele Corkum and Miss Jessie Stewart.

Retirements

Miss Nancy Fraser, supervisor of health and of the students' infirmary, completed over forty years of service to the hospital. Miss Fraser, a graduate of the M.G.H. Training School for Nurses, with the Class of 1914-15, retired in July.

Mr. William Beckman of the Maintenance Department retired July 1 with almost forty years of service to M.G.H. behind him.

The retirement of **Mr. William Holden,** foreman of the Paint Shop, was effective in June. He first came to the hospital in 1938.

Mrs. Emma Davis, chambermaid in Wolcott House since 1939, retired July 1.

Mr. Harry Kerkbeshian, houseman at 19 Parkman Street, retired this month after fifteen years of service.

Joyce Alexander Featured Speaker

Miss Joyce Alexander, technician in the Huntington Laboratory, was the featured speaker on the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's radio program, "Report to the Greater Boston Community," on September 24.

Miss Alexander, a graduate of Simmons College, has been an active participant in many of the association's conferences on both the national and regional levels as a delegate from the youth division. At present she is chairman of the Youth Advisory Committee of the NAACP.

Our Congratulations

Dr. and Mrs. Nathaniel W. Faxon celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary September 22. Dr. Faxon is Director Emeritus of M.G.H. and Mrs. Faxon is a member of the Ladies' Visiting Committee.

Eye And Ear Infirmary

The Bookkeeping Department is now the proud owner of the latest in bookkeeping machines. The personnel who will be in charge of its operation are receiving instruction from representatives of the National Cash Register Company. The new machine is even more of a mechanical brain than one purchased several years ago to help get out the payroll and the patients' bills, and will greatly facilitate these important jobs.

Anita Magiarcine, bacteriologist, was made an honorary member of Phi Beta Kappa when she attended her twenty-fifth reunion at Radcliffe College. She is the only alumna to be so honored by the local Iota chapter.

Staff Changes

Miss Caroline Colletti has succeeded **Miss Joan Forsythe** as secretary in the second floor operating room.

A new ward secretary at the Infirmary is **Mrs. Jack Malkoff.**

Miss Theresa Indresano is now working in Medical Records on the second floor. **Miss Janice Jordan** will take Miss Indresano's place in the Secretaries' Office.

Irene Napierkowski has replaced **Jean Siracusa** as a clerk messenger.

Mrs. Rosa O'Brien and **Miss Claire Dufault** have joined the Social Service Department as caseworkers. Mrs. O'Brien, who worked at the Infirmary for a year while attending Simmons College, will take the place of **Mrs. Irma Feldman.** Miss Dufault occupies the position formerly held by **Mrs. Elizabeth Russell.**

New X-Ray secretary is **Miss Minnette Freedman** who is replacing **Mrs. Rosalie Falvey.**

Mrs. Anne Kavanaugh has replaced **Mrs. Bette Brennan** as secretary in the Eye Clinic.

Mrs. Hope Seal Shurtcliffe, has come to the Infirmary to take the new course in Practical Nursing which is being offered by the Nursing Department.

Miss Margaret Crotti has taken the place of **Miss Lois Doolittle** as secretary in the Children's Ward.

Miss Mary Ellen Hill has been appointed staff therapist in the Occupational Therapy Department.

Miss Charlotte Furbish, former Medical Secretary in the Eye Pathology Laboratory, took a leave of absence for the summer to become Dean of Women at the Plymouth Rock Centre of Music and Drama in Duxbury, Mass. She will return to work in the Mosher Laboratory as secretary-technician. **David Blair McClosky,** voice therapist at the Infirmary, is the founder and Administrative Director of the Music and Drama Centre which was started in 1946.

Wedding News

Miss Naomi Maihoit, ENT operating nurse, married Mr. Lawrence Rooney on August 27.

Miss Helen Rogers, anesthetist, was married on Labor Day to Mr. Charles Palli.

Miss Jacqueline Santos, ENT operating nurse, was married to Mr. Frederick Muriello on October 8.

Miss Jayne Lipman, audiometrist, was married to Mr. George Brown on Labor Day. Taking her place in the Winthrop Foundation is **Miss Nessa Stahl.**

Miss Mary Newhall, assistant in the Occupational Therapy Department, is now the new Mrs. S. Walker Merrill, Jr.

June Vine

In Memoriam

Miss Anna Aliberti, secretary in the Baker Memorial for twelve years, passed away in July after a prolonged illness.

In her memory Baker personnel contributed to the M.G.H. Cancer Fund.

ABOUT FOLKS

Laboratories

While Americans are planning a trip to Europe, two of our Europeans —**Inga Mensen** of Chemistry and **Kirsten Huiid** of Arthritis Research—have "done" America.

Their trip covered a mileage of 10,000 miles with highlights such as Niagara Falls, Mesa Verde, Lake Tahoe, San Francisco, Yosemite National Park, Bayee Canyon, Grand Canyon, Petrified Forests, and New Orleans.

They gave their compliments to AAA which had planned their trip and equipped them so well with maps that they never had any trouble finding their way.

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The Chem Lab welcomes **Dr. Julio Mendizabel** back from Argentina after a brief leave of absence.

Miss Phyllis Clay has returned from two weeks of tent camping at Arcadia National Park, Mount Desert Island, Maine.

The Chemistry Lab welcomes a new member to its staff: **Miss Betty Martin** from Wisconsin.

Jeanne Russell

Dietary Tidbits

The young friends who came into our department to help cover vacation needs, **Ann Collins, Richard Caggiano, Ann Gates, Joseph Jones, Phillip Knight Richard Luschick, Jean Picciuolo** and **Joseph Young**—have left us to return to school. We hope that they will have a happy and productive year.

Alydja Maslovskis, diet aide in Bulfinch, was married in August.

Josephine Collins, diet aide in Baker, is engaged to Carl Walker.

John Atkinson of the Baker kitchen has been advanced from his job as a truckman to chef's helper.

Ann Healy of West Cafeteria and the West Coffee Bar has a daughter, **Margaret**, who was married in August. We are very happy for her.

Frances Harvey

Housekeeping

Congratulations are in order for the promotion of **Mr. Phillip Quinn** who was promoted to Assistant Executive Housekeeper of M.G.H.

Mr. Vincent Caggiano, supervisor of the Baker Building, has returned from a trip to Pennsylvania where he visited his son who is studying for the priesthood.

Robert Norman

Social Service

Of latest romantic interest is the engagement of **Miss Beverly Borr** to Mr. Boris Richman of Brockton. A February wedding is being planned.

Over the summer, several new workers have joined the staff and so we should like to extend a word of welcome to **Mrs. Janet McClure**, and **Mrs. Suzanne Deutsch**, workers on the Medical Service; **Miss Ruth Settler**, supervisor for the clinics, **Miss Pauline Knott**, worker on the Gynecology Service; **Miss Antonia Smerlas**, worker on the Orthopedic Service; **Miss Evelyn Katz**, transportation worker; and **Miss Phyllis Mellor**, case aide on the Surgical Service.

Ora Barkan

Baker Memorial

Wedding bells have been ringing:

Marion Peterson, staff nurse on Baker 3, was married July 30 to Wilfred Schonburg, a student at M.I.T.

Joan Lacey, staff nurse on Baker 8, married Richard Hanson on September 10.

Ann Hickey, staff nurse on Baker 10, became Mrs. William McCarthy on August 20.

Alice Perry Rex, former head nurse on Baker 3, gave birth to a baby boy on August 29.

Welcome to new staff nurses: **Miss Ann Washburn** and **Mrs. Betty Woodward**, Baker 8; **Miss Lucille Demers**, Baker 9; and **Miss Eunice Morgan**, Baker 3.

Best wishes to **Miss Barbara Whitney**, staff nurse on Baker 5, who is engaged to Mr. Malcolm Edwards. The couple plan to be married in December and will make their home in El Paso, Texas.

A get-together party for the four sons of **Mr. Ray Gough**, hospital aide on Baker 8, is planned in the near future. All in the service, they are returning from Germany, Trinidad, St. Paul and Washington.

Congratulations to **Mrs. Kitty Corriere**, Baker 6 secretary, who gave birth to a baby girl, Linda, September 9.

William Quinn

Medical Records

Vacation days were saddened by the shockingly sudden death of **Mary Donahue Sullivan.**

Day trips around Boston were the most popular choice for vacation activities. Cape Cod called most of the Correspondence Section and your reporter had a visit there with her nephew. **Sophie Azarowicz** went farthest afield, touring Virginia with her sister. They are still marveling at the politeness of southern drivers.

Margaret Bergamasco Salvucci resigned to take up home duties; **Jean Buckley** and **Etta Hanson** have left for positions at the New England Deaconess Hospital and Otis Air Field, respectively.

Our best wishes to **Barbara Miller** of Processing who was married to Edward Coughlin on September 10.

Newcomers are **Evelyn Evans**, Correspondence; **Marlene Chavis, Louis Cohen** and **Anne Stoddard**, Transcription; and **Elvira Ventre**, Processing.

Barbara Cloper (Simmons '57) worked during her summer vacation, and it is hoped she will return as a Medical Record Librarian student next year.

Enid Squire

Pharmacy

The three month secret so closely guarded by the Pharmacy finally came out into the open. On September 8 in Blinstrub's Village, members of the pharmacy, including their guests gave Chief Pharmacist **John T. Murphy** a dinner to honor him for having been awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Pharmacy by the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy in June. Immediately following the toast given by **Robert Ciampa, Miss Thelma Lezberg** presented Dr. Murphy, on behalf of the Pharmacy personnel, a plaque "for outstanding achievement in the field of Pharmacy."

Also present at the affair were **Robert Surabian** and wife who were instrumental in making the affair the surprise and success it turned out to be.

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It's back to school for **Pete Antonelli, Walter Oseiki, John Cafazzo** and **Russ Gasdia** . . . for one more year before completion of their course in Pharmacy.

Also joining the student parade is **Tony Ciampa**, who will study for his M.S. majoring in hospital pharmacy at M. C. P.

Congratulations department: To **Irene Jansen** for having received her citizenship papers this summer. To newlyweds **Russ Gasdia** and his wife. To **Tony Ciampa**, now a proud dad. To **John Cafazzo** on his engagement to **Marion Mandile**, nurse at M.G.H.

David Kazaka

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Key figures at the three-day celebration commemorating the founding of Social Service fifty years ago are, left to right: Dr. Dean A. Clark, General Director; Miss Josephine Barbour, director of the Social Service Department; Miss Ida M. Cannon, head of the department from its inception until 1945; and Dr. Nathaniel W. Faxon, Director Emeritus of M.G.H.

Christmas Party Set For December 21

The annual Family Christmas Party to which all employees and their families are invited will be on Wednesday, December 21.

The party will commence at 7:00 p.m. with a Children's Party at which there will be entertainment followed by the appearance of Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. Later, refreshments will be served to the young folks in the Brick Corridor.

The party for adults will follow with dancing in the Moseley Rotunda and entertainment in the Nurses' Dining Room. Music for dancing, which will continue until 12:00 p.m., will be provided by Herbie Sulkin and his orchestra.

New Corporation Secretary

Mr. Elliot L. Richardson, a Boston attorney, was recently appointed secretary of the corporation of M.G.H.

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Travel-Conscious M.G.H.'ers Request More Tours

M.G.H. folks are more travel conscious than ever these days. Word of the success of the recent European tour has resulted in inquiries about similar trips to other parts of Europe.

Since these inquiries have been about different places, tentative itineraries for three tours have been set up.

Skiers' Paradise

The first of these is a ski tour to the Alps of Switzerland, Austria and Italy from January 28 to February 19. Reservations have been made for the group, which will be limited in number, to attend the Olympic games at Cortina. The rate, which is $750 for three weeks, includes round trip air transportation, hotels, three meals a day, all tips, ski instruction, ski lifts and tickets to the Olympics.

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European Tour a Success

The forty-one members of the M.G.H. European Tour who departed from Logan International Airport October 1 and returned to New York October 25 unanimously declared their trip a success. The individuals, M.G.H. and Eye and Ear Infirmary employees, relatives and friends, were pioneers in that this was the first time a hospital had attempted a European trip for its personnel.

The itinerary, which included France, Italy, Switzerland, Belgium, Holland and England, gave the individuals an opportunity to see some of the more scenic cities. In addition, a great deal of the countryside was seen, as the group traveled by rail and bus. Our travelers, for the most part, stated that they could not have seen so much in the short period of time had they not been on such a tour.

Credit to Tour Leader

According to all the travelers, the outstanding thing of the entire trip was in the form of a Mr. Claude Isaacs, the tour conductor assigned to the group throughout their stay in Europe. With approximately twenty years of experience, Mr. Isaacs knew the ins and outs of group travel. He managed all with the greatest facility

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Red Feather Returns Continue

Contributions to the M.G.H. Red Feather Drive continue to come in as employees have already marked the 76 per cent of the $25,126,000 goal set for 1956.

Although the drive was scheduled from October 25 to November 17, late donations are still accepted. They may be made to the Red Feather captains and solicitors, or to the Red Feather office on Baker 2.

It is estimated that with additional contributions M.G.H. will reach its 1956 goal.

The efforts of all Red Feather captains, solicitors and contributors have been appreciated by the Red Feather office.

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Russian Builders Visit M.G.H.

Russian housing officials, as guests of the National Association of Homebuilders, included a visit to M.G.H. on October 6 during their tour of Boston. The purpose of their visit to the city was to study construction methods.

The visitors' point of interest was the twelve story Medical Science Building under construction. The Russians, to quote The Boston Globe, "Were especially interested in the footings [concrete piles] of the building because it is being built near the Charles River. They explained that Russian construction encounters much difficulty near such rivers."

According to Mr. Gilbert Nessolini, the Soviet guests stated that the greatest difference in construction was in their use of prefabricated slabs. Mr. Nessolini was amazed by their description of butting one prefabricated wall against another without the use of blocks. Also, the walls in Russia are generally painted and not plastered.

In charge of the ten-man delegation was Mr. Charles Bragg, managing director of the Greater Boston Homebuilders Association.

Safety Week a Reminder For Caution

Most accidents are caused by indifference, inefficiency and incompetence, it was revealed during Safety Week, November 14 to November 21.

An exhibition in the Brick Corridor put the spotlight on some of the most common causes of accidents. From December 27, 1954 to October 2, 1955, the highest accident rates were as follows: cuts, 89; bruises, 86; burns, 47 and muscular strains, 43.

Films were shown in the Moseley Rotunda November 14, 15 and 16.

The Whys and Wherefores

Transfers

Not too often the question of transfers arises. However, when an employee thinks he would like to transfer from one job and department to another job and department, he must follow a specific procedure.

The first thing an employee should ask himself when he is contemplating a change is why he wants to change his job. Does he dislike his present job? Perhaps he does not feel adequately qualified for the position? On the other hand, it may be that the present job does not present a sufficient challenge? Perhaps he feels another job will give him more satisfaction, or better hours. Or he may think that his salary will be increased as a result of a change?

The latter is unlikely, for a transfer as defined by the hospital as merely a change of job. It does not imply advancement of either status or salary as does a promotion.

Assuming an individual definitely knows his reasons for wanting to change jobs he should speak to his immediate supervisor. He shouldn't, under any circumstances, approach the supervisor of the area in which he would like to work. An important point to remember is that one should not contemplate a transfer unless he has been here at least six months. The explanation of this rule is comparatively simple. It costs time and money to train each employee. It is several months before a new employee begins to pay for himself. Also, a replacement must be obtained before an employee can be transferred.

After an individual speaks to his supervisor and has the latter's approval to request a change, he should speak to one of the interviewers in the Personnel Department. Assuming the individual's present job performance is satisfactory, the interviewer then considers two factors. What are the hospital's needs? If a vacancy exists, does this individual have the specific qualifications necessary to fill a particular position? Does his training and work experience qualify him for the existing vacancy?

Once these matters are investigated and the personnel interviewer finds the right vacancy for the employee, the latter is referred to the respective department head or supervisor on whom the final decision rests.

If the department head or supervisor accepts the applicant for a vacancy, it is with the understanding that the transferee be replaced in his present position before he can be released.

When these simple rules are followed a transfer results in the mutual satisfaction of employee and departments. Naturally, this is advantageous for the hospital and results in better patient care.

Dr. Dean A. Clark, General Director, congratulates (left to right) Mr. William Beckman, Miss Anna McLaughlin and Dr. Edward Churchill upon their respective 40, 30 and 25 years of service to M.G.H. at the annual Ether Day Program.

Miss Madge McCallion, laboratory assistant in the X-ray Department, retired after 49 years of service.

MORE TOURS

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Optional stopovers in Amsterdam, Brussels, Paris, London and Dublin may be arranged on the return trip at no extra fare charge.

Spain Destination of Many

In response to those who wish to visit Spain and Portugal a tentative itinerary has been arranged whereby advantage is taken of the off season rates. A four week tour is presently being planned for March. Round trip air transportation, bus transportation throughout Europe, hotels, meals, tips and sightseeing tours are to be included in the rate which will be announced soon.

After flying from Boston to Lisbon, the group will travel by bus to Madrid where they will stay for two days. They will continue through Spain, visiting Seville, Cordoba, Granada, Valencia and Barcelona.

From Spain the travelers will proceed to Nimes and Nice on the Riviera and to Pisa, Rome, Florence, Venice and Milan. After leaving Italy they will stop in Geneva for a day enroute to Paris. Two days in the French capital will climax the tour.

Bus Travel Advantageous

Bus transportation will provide individuals with an opportunity to see a great deal of the countryside and many of the small, picturesque towns which might otherwise be missed.

An opportunity to learn basic conversational Spanish will be provided at the hospital for those who are interested in the tour.

For either of the trips mentioned a $200 reduction is allowed under the family plan. In other words, a full fare is charged one member of the family and his spouse and children (aged 12 through 25) may accompany him at $200 less.

A Month for Scandinavia

A Scandinavian tour, which will include Edinburgh, London, Paris and Amsterdam as well as Copenhagen, Oslo and Stockholm, has been set tentatively for four weeks commencing June 9. The trip has been planned to include the Midsummer Night's Eve celebrations in Oslo.

The approximate cost of this trip is $890. The group will fly to Europe and return from Stockholm by ship.

Contact Personnel

M.G.H. staff members and employees who feel they cannot afford to travel to Europe may find they can afford to travel under a group plan at reduced rates.

If you are interested in any of the above, be sure to contact Personnel, extension 803, as soon as possible. Meetings, the dates of which will be announced, are to be held in the near future for the respective groups.

Say There, You With Your Skis!

Why not let us know if you're interested in skiing with other M.G.H. personnel?

You'll have a wonderful time. Don't hesitate — call extension 803.

Grinning at personnel on Halloween was the funny fellow who was created by Miss Florence MacKinnon, cashier of the East Cafeteria.

NEW SECRETARY

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Mr. Richardson, who succeeds Mr Reginald Gray, becomes the thirteenth secretary of the corporation since its founding in 1811.

ALLEY TALLIES

After many attempts had been made to find a suitable place to bowl, the M.G.H. Bowling League started the 1955-56 season September 19 at the Bowdoin Square Bowling Alleys.

We opened the season with eight teams in the league and at this writing they are, in order of position: Pharmacy, Refrigeration and Plumbing (tied), Maintenance, Misfits, Electricians, Accounting and Printing.

The high-flying Pharmacy team, consisting of Captain Russ Gasdia, Pete Antonino, Dave Catalano, Frank McNeil, and Tony Ciampa, is in first place due to good team bowling, with no one individual taking the spotlight.

The Refrigeration and Plumbing teams are tied for second place just two games from the top. Captain "Curly" Gray and Johnny Murphy of Refrigeration and Captain Johnny Kwitkor, George MacKinnon and John Cavallaro of Plumbing are all outstanding for their respective teams.

Maintenance, led by Captain Mal McLean, has been fighting back for the past few weeks, and has come from last to fourth place. The other teams are still in the running and there may be some changes when the next issue rolls off the press.

Mal McLean, George MacKinnon, Pete Antonino and Johnny Murphy are all tied for the lead in the high average with 95. Johnny Murphy also leads in high singles with 122 and Mal McLean for high three strings with 320.

This season promises to be one of the best with plenty of spirit and keen competition.

George Boyce

What Do You Know About M.G.H.?

1. The first M.G.H. patient was admitted in
   a. 1811
   b. 1821
   c. 1832
2. The Baker Memorial, whose purpose it is to accommodate people of moderate means, was opened in
   a. 1920
   b. 1928
   c. 1930
3. Today the approximate number of patient beds is
   a. 900
   b. 1,000
   c. 1,100
4. The number of salaried personnel at M.G.H. is over
   a. 2,000
   b. 2,500
   c. 3,000
5. Approximately how many patients are seen in the Clinics daily?
   a. 400
   b. 500
   c. 600
6. The staff of pharmacists required to fill all our prescriptions is
   a. 20
   b. 35
   c. 40
7. Anesthesia was first publicly demonstrated at M.G.H.in
   a. 1821
   b. 1846
   c. 1863
8. Another M.G.H. first was the founding of which department?
   a. Personnel
   b. Nursing
   c. Social Service
9. The daily average of work done in the M.G.H. laundry is
   a. 10,000 pounds
   b. 13,000 pounds
   c. 16,000 pounds
10. The Dietary Department of 335 persons annually serves
   a. 1,500,000 meals
   b. 1,800,000 meals
   c. 2,000,000 meals

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MAKE CARE YOUR SYMBOL OF SAFETY

EUROPEAN TOUR

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while keeping the group laughing with his wit. Several people ventured to say that the trip could not have been the success it was without Mr. Isaacs.

Congenial Group

Despite the diverse interests and ages of the tour members, all reports indicate that the group was a surprising compatible and amiable one —even under adverse conditions. The latter was particularly true when their arrival to Brussels was delayed several hours.

The theory which claims that one slows down as one gets older cannot be defended here, for it seems that the oldest members of the tour were able to keep up with the youngest, and in some cases managed to exceed the activity of the latter.

Rome and Switzerland Favorites

The general reaction to the question of what was most impressive about Europe is a sigh and a dreamy-like expression with an "I don't know—everything was so wonderful." Jim Connolly of White X-ray, however, was greatly impressed with the grandeur of Rome and the cleanliness of Switzerland. Miss Eleanor George of the Language Clinic found Rome an exciting and progressive fashion center. "Paris," she states, cannot be compared in this respect." Also, the people in Rome, she thought, were extremely friendly and warm.

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M.G.H. personnel, their relatives and friends departed from Logan International Airport October 1 for a twenty-five day tour of Europe.

Top left: Dr. Paul Waadard, private nurse, with the Colosseum in the background.

Top right: Anne Jones and Barbara Collins of Histochemistry admire a member of the honored Swiss Guard while in Rome.

Bottom left: Standing in one of the many Roman fountains is Wilma French of Cortical Function.

Center: The weather in Nice agreed with Mrs. Helen Crockett, floor secretary in Phillips House, and Leonard Safford of Patients' Accounts.

Bottom right: The outdoor cafes in France proved delightful. Eleanor George, Language Clinic, is at extreme left and Madeline Kearney, Baker operating room, is seated second from right.

EUROPEAN TOUR

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Miss Wilma French, technician in Cortical Function, was more than surprised to discover that M.G.H. was a name not entirely unfamiliar to several Europeans with whom she spoke. She feels this was an important factor in her being "treated like a queen."

The French and Italian Riviera struck the fancy of Miss Madeline Kearney of the Baker operating room and Mrs. Mina Stewart, volunteer. Mrs. Stewart couldn't get over the exquisite red of the flowers which seemed to be growing everywhere.

So Much for Money

Another thing which was agreed by all the travelers was the fact that they were able to get so much for their money — they maintain they can't understand how it was possible, for not only did they have wonderful meals, clean hotels, excellent tours and guides in each city, but they also received little extras. Lunch, for example, was not to be included in the total amount of $665 paid by each person, but it was.

Birthdays were not neglected. As a matter of fact, who is accustomed to getting a seven-layer cake on one's birthday? Dr. Paul Woodard, special nurse in Phillips House, was presented with one upon his return voyage aboard the **United States.** The **Liberte** almost equalled this with a three-layer cake for Barbara Ann Collins, technician in Histochemistry.

Needless to say, these pioneers hope they can join another M.G.H. tour in the future.

Eye and Ear Infirmary

New members at the Infirmary are **Miss Gail Cohen**, admitting clerk; **Miss Diane Dobyns**, secretary in the Eye Pathology Laboratory; **Miss Eleanor Fiore**, secretary in the Retina Service; **Miss Evelyn Kuhm**, ward secretary on the third floor; **Miss Audrey Memos**, secretary in the Glaucoma Consultation Service; **Miss Patricia Osnos**, receptionist in the Refraction Clinic; **Miss Marlys Sell**, who is filling in for **Miss Dorothy Pierce** in the Secretaries' Office while the latter is recuperating from a recent operation; and **Mrs. Lou Towle**, secretary-receptionist in the Eye Clinic. **Misses Arlene Hayes** and **Gretchen Heidel**, technicians and **Mr. Lorenzo Merola**, research assistant, have recently come to the Howe Laboratory.

Miss Helen Kirby, former cashier, is now secretary for a research study being carried on by Dr. Herman Sternstein.

Miss Charlotte Boone and **Mrs. Audray Rosenberg** from Simmons College and **Miss Ellen Synan** from Boston College will be doing their field work in social service at the Infirmary this year.

Nursing News

Miss Jean O'Connell is now working as a second evening supervisor. **Mrs. Lois Reindeau** is now covering five nights a week from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. This eliminated split shifts during the day in the nursing office and provides better supervision in both day and evening shifts.

Mrs. Ruth Bougas is being oriented to replace **Miss Claire Bailey** who is planning to join the Air Force sometime around the first of the year. **Mrs. Cecile Blake**, who is recuperating from surgery, is being replaced during her absence by **Miss Dianne Costello.**

Miss Dolores Hermandez is the new instructor for the nursing aides. She received her B.S. degree from Boston University in June.

Miss Pauline Metres has been appointed head nurse on the third floor. Her two assistant head nurses are **Miss Virginia Mulhern** and **Mrs. Sonia Rempel.**

The new assistant head nurse on the second floor is **Miss Rose Jingozian.**

Miss Jayne Scampini is being married to Robert O'Connor on November 26 and will return to her duties in the operating room after their wedding trip.

June Vine

BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

SPOTLIGHT ON THE EYE CLINIC

By June Vine

It was as an Eye Clinic that the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary was established in 1824 by Dr. Edward Reynolds and Dr. John Jeffries. In response to the need of the community for such a service, these two doctors formed a free eye clinic in a small room in the Scollay Building, situated in what is now the center of Scollay Square. Thus, the Massachusetts Infirmary is the second oldest hospital of its kind in the country.

In the first sixteen months nearly 900 patients were treated so successfully that in March of 1826, with the aid of friends, a public subscription was started and the Boston Eye Infirmary was founded. In 1827 it was formally incorporated as the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Clinic for Out-Patients

The Eye Clinic of today, one of the many clinics of M.G.H. and the Massachusettts Eye and Ear Infirmary, is headed each day of the week by a clinic chief. Working with him are seven to nine members of the visiting staff, one senior house officer who follows up patients who have been discharged from the Infirmary to the clinic, and a junior house officer who is assigned to the clinic two mornings a week.

The several fringe areas connected with the Eye Clinic include the Glaucoma Consultation Service, the operating room for minor eye surgery, the Tension Room and Field Room.

Great Number of Patients

Each morning, with the exception of Sunday, 80 to 130 patients are seen in the Eye Clinic. During the fiscal year of October 1954-55 there were 41,383 clinical visits. Many of the patients who go to the clinic for the first time are admitted as emergency cases. Approximately two-thirds of the 5,013 individuals admitted to the Emergency Ward of the Infirmary last year were eye cases. All patients with eye disorders who seek admittance to the M.G.H. Emergency Ward are referred to the Infirmary.

Patient Staff

The nursing staff is composed of a head nurse, Miss Olita Allen; Miss Dorothy Ghisellini, assistant head nurse and Mrs. Virginia Stevens, who acts as relief nurse for both the Eye Clinic and the Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic. These nurses cover the clinic from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and after this hour, all calls are covered by the Infirmary's night supervisor.

The first direct contact the patient has with the Eye Clinic is at the reception desk where the receptionists are constantly busy directing patients, making referrals and special appointments. Needless to say, lan-

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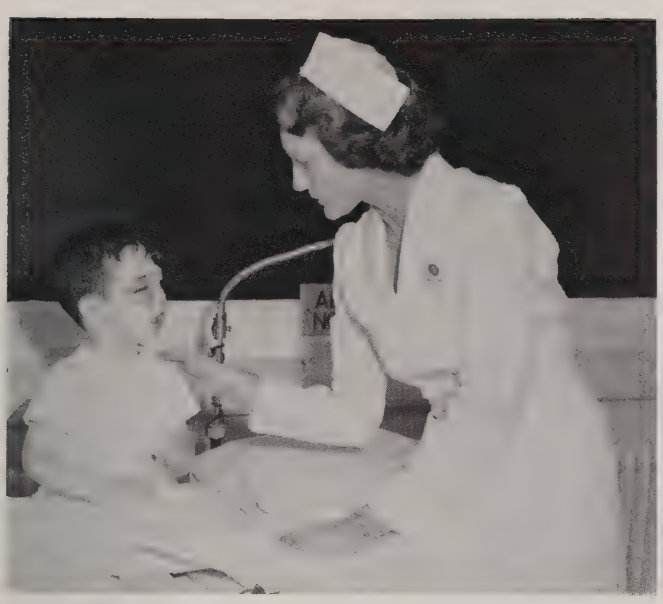
Between 80 and 130 patients pass by the reception and appointment desks of the Eye Clinic each morning.



Miss Olita Allen gains the confidence of a young patient in the operating room for minor eye operations.

Dr. R. R. Trotter, head of the new Glaucoma Consultation Service, examines a patient while medical students look on.

EYE CLINIC

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guage difficulties, physical handicaps of many patients and irritable patients require great patience and understanding on the part of the receptionists.

Indispensable to the smooth running operation of the clinic are the six members of the Infirmary's volunteer program. Each morning a volunteer is assigned to this area.

Emergency Ward for Infirmary

Patients are seen in the Eye Clinic from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. but emergency service is given twenty-four hours a day. After 12:00 noon, the clinic acts as the Emergency Ward of the Infirmary, handling ear, nose and throat cases as well as eye cases.

When the first floor of the Eye and Ear Infirmary is remodeled next year, it is planned to have regular emergency rooms which will be closer to the front door.

Many of the patients handled by the Eye Clinic are Workmen's Compensation cases. They come in with foreign bodies in their eyes or with temporary blindness due to flash burns. The clinic often takes care of as many as five or six such cases in one morning, but most of these patients can be sent home after treatment.

Advantageous Work Area

The main working area of the Eye Clinic is an enormous room with the doctors' tables placed at intervals along the two sides. Eye doctors prefer this arrangement to the closed booths. They feel they can take care of more patients in this way and have a chance to observe the interesting cases of other doctors working nearby. They can easily consult with each other. The latter is not only of immense value to the staff, but also to the patient who receives the benefit of consultation.

This general picture of the work done in the Eye Clinic covers only some of the interesting highlights.

New Headquarters For A.H.A.

Ground breaking ceremonies for the American Hospital Association Headquarters and Center for Hospital affairs were held in Chicago November 9.

The seventeen story building, which is expected to be completed by June, 1957, will house the association and a number of allied groups.

The site, loaned to the A.H.A. by Northwestern University, is located on the edge of the university's Medical Center.

Here and There

New members of the Personnel Department are **Mrs. Dorothy Lundberg** and **Mrs. Margaret Miller.**

Miss Joan McBratney, physical therapist, recently became the bride of **Dr. Glenn Behringer,** assistant resident in surgery.

Miss Irene MacIsaac, executive office assistant in Maintenance, left after ten years with M.G.H.

Miss Muriel Dube, secretary in Pathology, has announced her engagement to **Dr. Herbert Campbell,** a former pathology resident. They will be married in February and will live in San Francisco.

ANSWERS TO QUIZ

1, b; 2, c; 3, a; 4, b; 5, c; 6, a; 7, b; 8 c; 9, c; 10, c.

ABOUT FOLKS

General Nursing

Our best wishes to **John McCracken,** hospital aide on White 5B and regular reporter for **The World,** for a speedy recovery from his illness which has necessitated hospitalization for several weeks. The same is wished for **Frank Holmes,** aide on White 8, who has been a patient in the Eye and Ear Infirmary. Just out of the hospital and welcomed back to duty is **Mr. Max Rosen** of the Appliance Room.

Best wishes to **Miss Gioia Giribaldi,** Bulfinch Nursing Office secretary, upon her marriage to Mr. Reine Michaud, November 13.

Miss Sheila O'Leary is now head nurse on White 7 with **Miss Barbara Dunsing** replacing her as head nurse on White 5B.

Miss Charlotte Brown is now head nurse on Bulfinch 5. She replaced **Miss Elizabeth Buckley** who resigned to be married to Dr. Daniel Federman.

A sincere welcome to the following new members of the Nursing Department: **Mrs. Geraldine Smith,** resident in nursing service administration; **Miss Josephine Hurley,** health supervisor for student nurses; **Miss Nell Walter,** supervisor in White; **Miss Madalene Brown,** supervisor in Bulfinch; **Miss Irene Cote,** clinical instructor in Baker; **Miss Barbara Shulze, Miss Sara Babb** and **Miss Ruth Currie,** assistant head nurses on White 6 and 11 and in the Overnight Ward, respectively; and **Miss Agnes Evans,** secretary in the School of Nursing Office.

Miss Hazel Dickey, ward secretary on White 5B, is the proud grandmother of a son born to her daughter, Joan Lawson, formerly a student nurse.

Mrs. Emma Davis, a chambermaid in Wolcott House from 1939 until her retirement in July, passed away suddenly on October 28 at the hospital.

New staff nurses on White 8 are **Mrs. Isobel Gordon,** and **Misses Phyllis Padovano** and **Pauline Nickerson.**

TH WORLD appreciates the help of Mrs. Margaret Flaherty, Hugh Heney and Richard Snaith in reporting the above news during Mr. McCracken's illness.

Accounting

Among the returning European travelers were two stalwart members of our department. **Leonard Safford** of Patients' Accounts, smug and smiling, was rather tight-lipped about what transpired during the three weeks. **Miss Louise Paolucci,** on the other hand, was effervescent and enthusiastic in recounting the details of the sojourn.

Other travelers were **Mrs. Lucy Burnap** who enjoyed a vacation in Florida and **Mrs. Alice Connors** who went to Virginia and Washington, D. C.

Betty Littlehale took off from Texas and landed on Baker 2 just in time to take over some of the bookkeeping for the Red Feather drive.

A farewell party was held October 28 to bid adieu to two of our co-workers from Payroll: **Joan Joncas** and **Terry Praught.** The saddest words of tongue or pen — "we have to train new girls again."

Joseph McCue

Mr. James Shaw, White elevator operator, with his sister, Mrs. Louisa Kent, in Elland, England. During his vacation recently, Mr. Shaw returned to England and was reunited with his sister whom he had not seen for 61 years.

Medical Records

Mrs. Jean Poor, R.R.L., attended the recent annual conference of Medical Record Librarians in Chicago. The largest group since the founding of the organization, they heard discussions on topics of especial interest to the profession. Mrs. Poor was a delegate to the business sessions. **Mrs. Frances Nealy, R.R.L.,** Phillips House, went to the conference as a member of the organization.

A series of classes in anatomy are being held at the New England Center Hospital under the direction of the Education Committee of the Eastern Massachusetts Association of the Medical Record Librarians. Thirty employees of M.G.H. are attending these lectures.

Cynthia Russell is a welcome addition to the Transcription Section.

James McLaughlin has joined Processing to serve as one of the court representatives.

Enid Squire

Housekeeping

Our best wishes to **Mrs. Ruth Harrington,** former Housekeeping secretary, who has transferred to Maintenance, replacing **Miss Irene MacIsaacs.** We welcome our new secretary, **Miss Ruth Oblinger,** who joined us October 31.

Keeping pace with the educational movement are **Bill Robbins,** new foreman in Bulfinch; **John Donovan,** night foreman and **Fred Stevens,** foreman in Baker. These men are attending Work Simplification classes. **Robert Norman** is attending a housekeeping course at Boston University.

Recently hospitalized was **Tom Hayes.** Fortunately, he is better and is anxious to be up and about.

Two employees on vacation but with different objectives were **Ed Penny,** who is hunting deer in Maine, and **Sal Bellanti,** who has gone to New York to meet his family upon their arrival from Italy.

Good luck to **Robert May** in his new job directing the night crew, and to **Al Yuknis,** who is now supervisor in the White Building.

New employees in the department are **Priscilla Ballard, Lynn Godding, John Grant, George Holland** and **Roy Spencer.**

Philip Quinn

Baker Memorial

A party was given in honor of **Mrs. Martha Simpson,** hospital aide, who left Baker after many years of service.

The new ward helper on Baker 3 is **Miss Natalie Van Geenhoven.**

Welcome to new employees on Baker 4: **Mrs. Janet Davis** and **Mrs. Katherine Gruenberg,** staff nurses; **Mrs. Mary Hennessy,** ward secretary; and **Mr. William Nichols,** ward helper.

Best wishes to **Miss Martha Warren,** head nurse on Baker 3, who recently married **Reverend David Pohl.**

Miss Barbara Magnuson, L.P.N. on Baker 5, has become engaged to Mr. Jack Campbell. A June wedding is planned.

William Quinn

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FESTIVITIES MARK YULE SEASON

Family Christmas Party Climax

For almost two weeks preceding Christmas, M.G.H., in addition to the rush of routine activities, vibrated with Yuletide festivities.

Patients who were able were eager to get home for the holidays. Employees decorated file cabinets, desks, or any available spot with gay little Christmas trees, painted windows and door panes with vivid Santa Clauses and carolers, and hung mistletoe in convenient locations. Student nurses brightened the Moseley Rotunda with snowmen and snow flakes for their formal dance which was held December 16. All cafeterias glittered with snowflakes of many sizes, shapes and colors.

Music Throughout Wards

Christmas carols resounded throughout the hospital from December 12 until Christmas as various groups sang to patients. Among the music makers were the Bell Ringers, glee clubs of Winsor, Rust Craft, Harvard and Radcliffe, the New England Conservatory of Music, Simmons Alumnae and the Church of the Advent.

Many employees gathered in the White Lobby during their lunch period on December 21, 22 and 23 and sang carols to the accompaniment of Mrs. Helen Cushing, organist, and Miss Hope Wright, violinist.

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M.G.H. Recipient of Ford Grant

M.G.H. recently received from the Ford Foundation $250,000, the largest single donation given to any Massachusetts hospital. Fifty-seven hospitals throughout the country received this amount—the maximum grant given to hospitals.

Grants totaling $51,652,900 to New England institutions and hospitals were made by the Foundation as a part of a grant of $500,000,000 for privately supported institutions in the country.

The sums given to 3500 hospitals are intended to help them improve and extend their services to the public by expanding or modernizing their present facilities to keep in step with medical and scientific advancement. This may be done by additions to their training of personnel, conducting research programs or any facility which in the opinion of the hospital board would serve the community most.

"Finian's Rainbow" Operetta Company's '56 Production

Departing from tradition this year the M.G.H. Operetta Company will produce "Finian's Rainbow," a musical comedy with lyrics by E. Y. Harburg and music by Burton Lane. It will be presented at Morse Auditorium of the Museum of Science on April 25, 26 and 27.

According to Miss Margot Warner, who is again directing the group, tryouts are still in progress and the final cast is not ready to be announced at this date.

In answer to popular request, the M.G.H. Operetta Company is attempting something other than operettas by Gilbert and Sullivan. In its six-year history the group has included in its list of successes such works as "Pinafore," "The Yeomen of the Guard," and "The Mikado."

Broadway Hit

"Finian's Rainbow," a relatively new work, was first produced on Broadway less than ten years ago and was enthusiastically received.

Many Phases of Production

Despite the fact that tryouts for the musical have been held, there will be ample opportunity for others to help with costumes, properties, make-up, scenery, publicity, tickets and lights.

Individuals interested in participating in any phase of the production should contact Personnel, extension 810.

Miss Mary Converse, new medical records librarian.

New Head For Medical Records

Miss Mary E. Converse, newly appointed medical records librarian, assumed her position as head of the M.G.H. Medical Records Department November 28.

Miss Converse, a native of North Dakota, comes to us after three years as the director of the medical records department at the University of Maryland Hospital in Baltimore. For five years prior to that she was the chief medical records librarian at the University of Nebraska Hospital.

Scandinavian Tour Set For June 9

Since announcement was made of the tour to the Scandinavian countries, many people have made inquiries and some are making definite plans to spend their 1956 vacation abroad.

The trip, which is scheduled from June 9 to July 9, will take the group by plane to Edinburgh, Scotland, for two days and then to London for three days. From there the group will fly to Amsterdam for a day and a half. Thereupon the individuals will spend approximately four days in Oslo, Copenhagen, and Stockholm, the

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Thanks Of Red Feather Chairman

Mr. Lawrence Martin, chairman of the 1956 Community Fund Campaign at M.G.H., attributes the success of the drive to the cooperation of all captains, their lieutenants, and the entire personnel.

Although donations are still accepted, the total amount reached thus far is equal to that of last year—$20,308.

Red Feather aids some 277 community agencies throughout Boston. This number exceeds that of any other city in the country.

It Happened At M.G.H.

January 1, 1937 — The present unit system for patient records was initiated.

December 23, 1938 — The cornerstone of the White Building, constructed in memory of its benefactor, George Robert White, was set.

December 30, 1939 — Groundbreaking ceremonies of the Research Building took place.

January 14, 1942 — The first Huntington Memorial Hospital patient was admitted.

January 26, 1945 — Herrick House, the dietitians residence on Commonwealth Avenue, was opened.

January 3, 1948 — Vincent 2 was opened for ward patients. Two days later private patients were admitted to Vincent 3.

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The Whys and Wherefores

"To Park or Not to Park, That is the Question"

E. Michael White, Assistant Director

They tell the story of a fellow who knocked on the pearly gates and said to Saint Peter, "I'd like to get in if I can find a place to park my car."

Whether the story is true or not, everybody on earth, including those at M.G.H., has a parking problem. As with the weather, everybody talks about parking but nobody does anything about it. Not so at M.G.H. We have worked out a plan which is designed not only to improve the situation for the moment but also to provide for the future needs of the hospital.

To begin with, it is apparent that we cannot accommodate everybody who wants to park at our door; and the number increases daily. In recent years we have been able to keep up with the demand by: (1) tearing down buildings, (2) obtaining the use of the M.D.C. lot on Charles Street (with the Eye and Ear Infirmary), and (3) buying the Cambridge Street garage.

However, current demand has caught up with the supply of spaces. In addition, we must plan for future needs. These include: (1) parking space for the patients of the doctors who will occupy the doctors' office building, (2) more doctors and employees, (3) more patients and visitors who drive to M.G.H. from distant places, and (4) the trend toward greater use of cars by the whole population. To make the situation worse, cars get bigger every year but parking lots do not.

We tried to work out a scheme which would meet the demand and satisfy everybody. We found that was impossible. So, we have arrived at a system which is, so far as we could make it, fair and sensible, hoping that it will be understood and accepted even though not popular. There is some satisfaction in knowing that everyone was treated alike.

This is the scheme:

Priorities

Each applicant for a sticker is rated according to his need to drive, and assigned a priority rating from I to V.

The top priority is given to those who must use cars in the practice of medicine or to carry on hospital business, the physically handicapped, doctors, and others who give part-time volunteer service to the hospital.

The other four priorities are based upon difficulty of getting to the hospital by public transportation, the more distant residences getting the higher priorities. We did this job with maps, train, bus and trolley schedules, discusions with many individuals and actual tests of running times. We left no schedule unturned to make these ratings fair and scientific.

After reserving a minimal number of spaces for patients and visitors, stickers were issued on the basis of priorities as far as the spaces were available. This took us down through category IV. Those in category V have not yet received stickers. In our opinion, no great hardship will result because, according to our study, all persons in category V can usually get from home to hospital in less than an hour, generally within 45 or 50 minutes.

Hardships

Reluctantly, we have had to ignore personal considerations such as shopping on the way home, driving to school or to another job in the evening, sharing the car with others, the need for a place to leave the car during the day, etc. We do not question the legitimacy of these requests. However, the hospital must use its limited spaces first for those who must be mobile in order to get to and from work.

Garage

Those who have not been granted free parking privileges in the parking lots may apply for space in the Cambridge Street Garage at reduced rates. The present rate for day time parking for hospital employees is $7.50 a month. You may apply for a garage sticker at the Secretaries' Office in the White Building.

"Live" Parking

As you may have noticed, we have engaged parkers to handle the Parkman and North Grove lots. If it achieves its purpose of handling more cars than previously, the arrangement will be extended to the Charles Street (Cloverleaf) lot in two or three months. At that time additional

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Mr. John Anastos of Dietary, left, files a claim for social security benefits with field representative James Allen, right, while Chef Anthony Martinez looks on.

PARKING

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spaces may be available and those who have been denied stickers will be given the opportunity to reapply.

The new arrangement is expensive since it involves the use of a number of expert parking attendants. It is proposed, therefore, to make a sticker charge to cover the cost of this service, the amount of which will be announced at a later date.

Applications

If you wish to apply for a sticker, you may obtain an application from the Secretaries' Office. If you are dissatisfied with the decision already made in your case, drop a note to the Parking Committee, in care of the Secretaries' Office.

We welcome your comments and suggestions on the policy governing the issuance of stickers and the parking arrangements.

We are sorry if anyone feels aggrieved. However, the plan is based on consideration of the needs of the hospital and of fairness to all concerned.

Staff Wives Provide Valuable Service

Since the M.G.H. Staff Wives opened their Reception Center in the Moseley corridor on September 26, they have helped professional visitors from every continent and from forty-five countries. Over 150 people have made inquiries at the center.

The requests for help vary. Visitors have inquired about housing, furnishings, language lessons, education, the buying of cars, driving license and tours through Boston and adjacent towns. They have asked about tours of the United States as well as tours of M.G.H.

The most valuable service is the furniture exchange. As a result of it, the visitor can borrow furniture of any kind—beds, tables, chairs, lamps, etc.—for as long as necessary.

For the most part, the furniture is donated by the Staff Wives and stored in Mrs. Richard Sweet's barn on Chestnut Street, Brookline. The barn does not remain stocked for long, and always needs replenishing. Gifts are gladly accepted.

Visitors Entertained

Many of the Staff Wives have entertained visitors from abroad at their homes. This was particularly true during the holidays.

Another service was the contribution of a high fidelity set to the hospital for use in the chapel. This was provided by Dr. and Mrs. Milford Schulz. During the two weeks preceding Christmas, the music committee, headed by Mrs. John Crawford and Mrs. Schulz, arranged for the playing of records in the Chapel.

At present there are forty-two volunteers, under the direction of Mrs. Claude Welch, who act as hostesses at the Reception Center.

Many Unaware Of Year-Old Social Security Amendment

Benefits Individuals Over 65

Individuals between the ages of 65 and 72 may earn as much as $2,080 a year and still receive some benefits from social security.

This is not new; it was included in the 1954 amendments to the Social Security Law. However, despite articles in newspapers and magazines, few people 65 years old and over who are making more than $1,200 a year have filed claims for benefits.

Personnel Aids Employees

In order to help employees, the Personnel Department notified individuals who might be eligible for benefits for the year 1955.

Social security representatives were available at M.G.H. January 12 to discuss with employees their individual cases and to help them file claims if they were eligible.

Who May Claim

Individuals who are making not more than $40 a week ($2,080 a year) who work throughout the year are entitled to some benefits. The number of benefit checks which are payable is shown below:

Annual earnings	Monthly benefits payable
$1,200 or less	12
1,200.01-$1,280	11
1,280.01- 1,360	10
1,360.01- 1,440	9
1,440.01- 1,520	8
1,520.01- 1,600	7
1,600.01- 1,680	6
1,680.01- 1,760	5
1,760.01- 1,840	4
1,840.01- 1,920	3
1,920.01- 2,000	2
2,000.01- 2,080	1
2,080.01 or more	none

An example which is applicable to our personnel is that of a 68 year old man who earns $38 a week. His total annual income is $1,976. According to the table above, this man will receive social security checks for two months (his annual income is between $1,920.01 and $2,000).

Of the employees who spoke to the social security representatives, several were able to make claims. The retroactive payments these individuals will receive for 1955 will range from approximately $68 to $430.

If there are any people who feel they fall into this category they should consult their social security district office as soon as possible.

Another point to keep in mind is that any individual 65 years old and older, regardless of the amount of his total annual earnings, is entitled to benefits for the months in which he earns less than $80.

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CHRISTMAS!

FESTIVITIES

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Parties, spontaneous and otherwise, highlighted the gaiety. These affairs varied from intimate gatherings of a small department, or section of one, to parties consisting of members of large departments.

They took place almost anywhere and anytime. Many people met at the homes of department heads. Others gathered throughout the hospital. Phillips House, for example, had a morning Open House in its first floor corridor at which coffee and doughnuts were served. Personnel of the Nursing Department preferred afternoon coffee and prepared all sorts of cookies for the occasion. White Housekeeping employees enjoyed a bouffet lunch on White 12. Members of the Huntington Lab had a bouffet dinner in the Penthouse.

M.G.H. Party Climax

The largest of these, however, was the M.G.H. Family Christmas Party. Approximately 350 children and 800 adults were present.

The Children's Party, which started at 7:00 p.m., provided the youngsters with many laughs. Carolers and clowns entertained the children until the program commenced. The singing was done by the School of Nursing Glee Club and the clowns were Mr. and Mrs. Roger Perrenoud (Mrs. Perrenoud works in Baker X-Ray).

Dr. Frederic Blodgett, master of ceremonies, introduced magician Manny Williams. The appearance of Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus (Mr. Phillip Quinn, supervisor in Housekeeping, and Miss Florence M. MacKinnon, cashier in Dietary) was the high point of the young folks' party.

Dr. Perry Culver MC'd the Adults' Party in the Nurses' Dining Room. After Dr. Dean A. Clark, General Director, welcomed employees and their families, they were entertained by Dr. Guy R. Sweeney, "International Humorist;" Manny Williams, magician; and Dr. James Wheeler of M.G.H.—alias "Professor Wheelinsky of the Musical Institute of Vienna, Texas."

The entertainment was followed by dancing and refreshments in the Moseley Rotunda.

More than a century of service was given to M.G.H. by Abraham King and George Hamilton, seated, and Ignazzio Maggiotta and Frank Eggleston, standing, who retired recently after 30, 24, 30 and 35 years, respectively.

New Year Marked By Retirements

Many familiar faces will be missed with the retirement of several of our old-time employees. Those who left M.G.H. after many years of service are Frank Eggleston, George Hamilton, Abraham King, Ignazzio Maggiotta and Miss Georgiana Monier.

Mr. Frank Eggleston came to the hospital in 1921. Although he had worked in several areas of the hospital, he will be remembered as the orderly in the Urology Clinic. Before his departure, he was honored at a reception in the Hooper Room on January 18. Among the overwhelming number of people who were present to wish him well was his sister, Mrs. Violet Tracy. Mrs. Tracy had also worked at M.G.H. until her retirement last June.

Mr. George Hamilton is a figure well-known to many, particularly to car owners who used the Parkman Street-lot of which he was the guard. A reception in honor of his twenty-four years of service was held in the Baker Memorial January 3.

Since 1925 Mr. Abraham King has worked in the Orthopedic Workshop. He is one of the disappearing blacksmiths we hear so much about.

Miss Georgiana Monier and Mr. Ignazzio Maggiotta came to M.G.H. within a year of each other; she to Accounting in 1931 and he to Maintenance in 1932.

Graduate nurses from various parts of the country, Canada and Europe, upon the completion of a three-month course for graduate nurses in eye, ear, nose and throat nursing at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary. Photographed with the group, which is the largest to date, is Mrs. Althea Brady (third from left), director of nurses.

"FINIAN'S RAINBOW" IS COMING TO M.G.H.

George MacKinnon of Plumbing, the bowler with the highest average for the first half of the season.

SCANDINAVIAN TOUR

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respective capitals of Norway, Denmark and Sweden. Day trips will be taken of surrounding areas in each case.

Midsummer's Eve

The opportunity to observe the festivities of Midsummer's Eve, the celebration for which these countries are noted, will occur in Lillehamer, a city not far from Oslo.

The tour is scheduled to end in Gothenburg, Sweden, from which point the group will board the "Kungsholm" for New York.

Reservations Must be Made Early

Because June marks the height of the Scandinavian travel season, it is difficult to procure return passage. In order to be certain of accommodations aboard the ship, individuals who are interested in taking the trip should contact Personnel, extension 803, as soon as possible.

A deposit, as small as $25, will reserve space aboard the ship. If an individual finds he cannot take the trip once he has made reservations, he may cancel his reservations and all his money, regardless of the amount, will be refunded.

A complete itinerary is available upon request.

Do You Want To Be a Reporter?

If you would like to be on the staff of **The World** and help to report the news of M.G.H., contact the editor at extension 803.

ALLEY TALLIES

The M.G.H. Bowling League finished the first half of the season with the Pharmacy Team in first place. Captain Russ Gasdia and his team went at a pace-setting record of not losing a match. This, of course, made a difference of the team's final standing. Refrigeration, Plumbing and Maintenance made a vain effort to overtake Pharmacy, but it wasn't quite enough.

Johnny Murphy holds the honors for high string singles with a 139. George MacKinnon of Plumbing holds the high league average with 95 and for high three strings with 333. His bowling has been superb throughout this half and has been at the top most of the time.

With the beginning of the second half of the season the outlook of the standings seems likely to change. Some of the lower teams began to pick up during the last few weeks. The competition is keen and every team is looking toward first place.

George Boyce

X-Ray Aide Malden's First Blind Officeholder

Recently elected to the council of Malden was Francis Hammersley, dark room aide in Baker X-Ray. He is believed to be the only blind person ever to hold public office in the history of Malden.

Frank, as he is known to us, has been at M.G.H. for two years. Despite his handicap he can show up anyone who does similar work here or elsewhere. Furthermore, he usually comes to work on the M.T.A., aided only by a cane.

A few days before the election, the Malden "News" published an article about the unique candidate. Before permitting any publicity, Frank made it clear that he didn't want sympathy. If he couldn't win on merit alone, he didn't want the office, he said emphatically.

Frank said that story helped him a lot. "I got quite a few calls after it appeared. People told me that I didn't have to worry . . . they knew I wasn't trying to exploit a handicap. I guess they meant what they said."

When the final count of the election was in, Frank realized his life-long ambition had come true.

PREVENT ACCIDENTS—KEEP YOUR MIND ON YOUR WORK

M.G.H. ski enthusiasts at Intervale, New Hampshire, the week-end of January 7 and 8. They are, left to right, Dorothy Gabardi, Photography; Richard Stanton; and Ruth Ann Slabey, Medical Arts; in front row. Standing are Marilyn Holland, Bacteriology; Ruth Gastel, Biochemistry Research; Wilma French, Cortical Function; Felicite Snyder; Sheila O'Leary, Personnel; Eleanor McCall, Orthopedic; Christine Duffy; and Frank McCarthy, Photography. Anyone interested in joining the group should call Personnel, extension 803.

ABOUT FOLKS

Social Service

Miss Janet Ten Broeck has joined the Medical Clinic as the most recent addition to our staff.

Miss Beverly Borr left Surgical Social Service in early January to become Mrs. Boris Richman.

Those who enjoyed winter vacations in Florida were **Misses Geraldine Laganno** and **Phyllis Miller.**

Last month several members of our department met at the home of **Mrs. Suzanne Deutch** to view slides of the trips which she and her husband had taken to the West Coast, Europe and Bermuda.

On December 6, 7 and 8 most of the department members attended the meetings of the Massachusetts Conference of Social Workers held at the Hotel Statler.

Ora Barkan

Housekeeping

Mr. William MacNair and the supervisory group wish to thank the employees for their cooperation in making 1955 a good year for the department, and anticipate '56 will be as good.

Mrs. Joan Kwiatkowsky is our new department secretary.

Andrew Rice, new night foreman, has things under control in the Clinics.

Vincent-Burham had been shorthanded while **Jack Currie** was ill with pneumonia. Fortunately, he is back at work.

News is hard to come by. If you have any notes of interest, let us know.

Phillip Quinn

Here and There

Mr. Edmund R. Mattos, Assistant Director, was elected a fellow of the American Public Health Association recently.

Mr. Roy E. Wall, Medical Art Department, has received an appointment as the medical illustrator at Baylor University College of Medicine, Texas Medical Center, Houston, Texas. Mr. Wall and his wife, who resigned her position as staff education supervisor here, left for Texas January 24.

Lorraine Cutillo, cashier in Dietary, whose friends showered her with greenbacks in a luscious looking parasol of taffeta, tulle and ribbon, became Mrs. Rickey Malenowski on December 18.

Mary Owen, who is back on duty in Dietary, seems to have recovered completely from the surgery she underwent awhile ago.

Baker Memorial

Welcome to new and former employees who have joined the staff: **Mrs. Lorraine Allia, Mrs. Ellen Barbero, Misses Stella Cernota** and **Monique Comtois, Mrs. Alice Curcio, Miss Martha Day, Mrs. Audrey Hull, Mrs. Evelyn Mobilia** and **Miss Louise Rigazio.**

New graduate nurses from England are the **Misses Nora Benson, Caroline Lewis** and **Mary Waller.**

A party was recently held on Baker 6 in honor of **Miss Marjorie Blackwell** who has left to enter industrial nursing.

Miss Elizabeth MacNeil, Baker 3 hospital aide, left to enter the Household Nursing Association, School of Practical Nursing.

Congratulations and best wishes to **Miss Eunice Morgan** upon her engagement, and to **Miss Monique Comtois** who became Mrs. Larry Martell on January 2.

Mrs. Martha Sawyer, secretary on Baker 5, recently enjoyed a Florida vacation.

William Quinn

Laboratories

Our best wishes to **Miss Frances Squadrito,** secretary in Bacteriology, who was married December 26.

Bacteriology welcomes **Katherine Knowles,** secretary, and **Lee Bowman,** technician, who is from Ottowa University, Kansas.

Jeanne Russell

Eye and Ear

A "Bon Voyage" tea was given to **Miss Walborg L. Peterson,** R.N., who ended 20 years of service at the Infirmary. **Mr. Francis S. Hill, Director,** presented Miss Peterson with the Infirmary's Award of Merit for "faithful service to the hospital and patients above and beyond the call of duty."

Miss Peterson sailed for Des Chapelles, Haiti, where she will take a position as head of nurses at the new Albert Schweitzer Hospital which will be formally opened February 1.

A graduate of the M.G.H. School of Nursing, Miss Peterson served as surgical supervisor at M.G.H., head nurse of the Medical Ward, and was the first head nurse in the Baker Memorial. She was also head nurse in the Moore Hospital in Brockton. As a member of the American Red Cross Harvard Field Hospital Unit, she helped to open a hospital in Salisbury, England. Most recently Miss Peterson has served as administrative assistant in the Admitting Office of the Infirmary.

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For the annual Christmas celebration the Infirmary floors and cafeteria were gaily decorated with traditional greenery under the supervision of **Mrs. Patricia Huddleston** and the Occupational Therapy Department. Notable among the decorations was the partition in front of the elevator on the first floor. Infirmary employees, doctors and patients contributed Seasons Greetings in their native languages, and these were painted on the partition by volunteer, **William A. Slade, Jr.**

The Dietary and Housekeeping Departments were responsible for the entertainment at the Christmas Party which was held December 20. The pantomine, coached by **Mr. Kenneth Cadman,** executive housekeeper, depicted an "operation" with Santa Claus as the patient. Participating in the skit were **Adele** and **Mary Dragon, William Kelly, Theodore Brown, Elmer Young, Viola Johnson** and **Lawrence Kwiatkowski.** Mr. Kwiatkowski, as Santa Claus, distributed gifts to all those attending.

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New members of the Infirmary include: **Mrs. Martha Wittles,** technician in the Virus Laboratory; **Mrs. Rose Blumenthal,** orthoptist in the Ocular Motility Clinic; and **Miss Doris Deming,** technician in Dr. Donaldson's laboratory. The Dietary Department is pleased to have **Mr. Leonard Recupero,** relief worker; **Mrs. Margaret Ezekiel,** floor worker; and **Miss Betty Barbee,** dietitian. New employees in the Eye Pathology Laboratory are **Miss Necia Byerly,** secretary; **Mrs. Gertrude Piraquet,** technician; and **Miss Edith Corming,** who is a volunteer technician. New executive housekeeper is **Mr. Kenneth Cadman.**

Nursing News

Miss Virginia Summers, a graduate of St. Elizabeth's Hospital and Boston College, is the new head nurse on Baker 9. Her assistant is **Miss Marilyn Balinski,** who was formerly in the Children's Ward.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to **Miss Agnes Patton,** matron in the Nurses' Residence, who is recuperating from an operation.

Mrs. Cecile Blake is welcomed back as night nurse on the third floor—a position she has held for many years —following a leave of absence for major surgery.

June Vine

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Miss Louise Rigazio with patient Mrs. Eugenie Hamill in a room which previously had been part of the open porch on Baker 7.

Baker Porches Converted Into Patient Rooms

Additional patient rooms have become a reality in Baker Memorial as the open porches on each floor were remodeled to accommodate patients.

Each porch has been transformed into two attractive rooms. The two-bed rooms, painted either blue or yellow, are spacious and bright. The numerous windows which provide ample daylight and a pleasant view of the river, are bordered with attractive fiberglass drapes. They can be drawn easily if desired. Functional, attractive furniture adds to the patient's physical comfort.

In addition to attractive surroundings, the rooms feature several convieniences. A three-way light at the head of each bed may be adjusted effortlessly by the patient to suit his needs. Outlets for oxygen and suction are provided also. A telephone installation is provided so that a patient may have a telephone if he wishes.

Despite the additional rooms the bed capacity of Baker has not been increased proportionately. The reason for this is that on each floor a waiting room and a treatment room are being built in what formerly had been a four-bed room.

Methods Analyst For Nursing Department

Miss Ethel Norry has been appointed to the newly created position of methods analyst on the nursing staff, it was announced recently by Miss Edna Lepper, Associate Director of Nursing Service.

"We hope that she can help us simplify some of our methods," Miss Lepper stated, "and live up to the work simplification motto: 'work smarter not harder.'"

A graduate of the Truesdale Hospital School of Nursing, Miss Norry came to M.G.H. a year ago and has been a night supervisor in the White Building. She holds a B.S. degree from Boston University School of Nursing.

In preparation for her present position Miss Norry was sent to the Valley Forge Army Hospital in Pheonixville, Pennsylvania, for a week to observe the latter's well established program in methods improvement.

BROTHERHOOD WEEK
FEBRUARY 19-26

Cast of "Finian's Rainbow" Announced

"Finian's Rainbow," the comedy hit which ran for 91 weeks on Broadway during 1947-48, will be performed by the M.G.H. Operetta Company April 25, 26 and 27 at Morse Auditorium of the Museum of Science. Starring in the principal roles will be Paul Austin of Dietary as Finian, Catherine Laffin as his daughter Sharon, Richard Rogers of Bulfinch Nursing as Woody, and Barrie Bell as the leprechaun.

Other leading roles will be played by Fred Dixon as Buzz Collins, Peter Terry as the sheriff, Janet Waterbury, student nurse, as Honey Lou; Tom Connolly, son of chef Thomas Connolly, as Howard; and Orestus Pollard of Phillips House Nursing as the senator.

Elizabeth McCarthy, Esther Norry of Nursing and Carrall Schillemat of

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Local Woman Seeks Names of Rescuers

An elderly woman who was walking on the sidewalk in front of the Sunoco station at the corner of Cambridge and Grove Streets on Friday, November 18 at 1:00 p.m. was knocked over by an automobile which was leaving the gasoline station.

Two women in another car, which had just driven out of the station, immediately ran to her assistance. Although the rescuers took the injured woman to M.G.H., the latter did not wish to enter the hospital. Thereupon the women took her to her home on West Cedar Street.

As it happened, the woman fractured her ankle. She recalls that in her rather nervous state following the accident she had failed to ask the women their names. However, from their conversation, she concluded that that they are engaged in some social service activity at the hospital.

If you are one of the persons responsible for this woman's safety, or if you know the persons who are, please notify Dr. Charles Clay at extension 437.

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New Discount Cards Available

Now available in the Personnel Department are new discount cards which will allow employees a 20 to 50 per cent discount on many items which had not been included previously.

Items on which a liberal discount is allowed are as follows:

air conditioners
auto accessories
batteries
bedspreads
billfolds
blenders
blouses
brushes
blankets
bicycles
cameras
can openers
children's apparel
chimes
clippers
clocks
copperware
curtains
cutlery
dishes
dishwashing machines
disposal units
drapes
electric appliances
electric ranges
electric razors
fire extinguishers
fans
fountain pens
fryers
freezers
fur coats
furniture covers
juvenile furniture
gas ranges
hair dryers
hampers
hardware
heaters
hosiery
irons
jackets
jewelry
kettles
kitchen cabinets
knives
lamps
lingerie
luggage
mirrors
mixers
mops
motors
paint
pajamas
pants
phonograph records
phonographs
photography equip.
pillows
power mowers
power tools
pyrex ware
pressure cookers
radios
refrigerators
rifles
rugs
scissors
shears
sheets
shirts
sinks
skates
slippers
socks
sporting goods
stoves
sun lamps
tablecloths
tape recorders
toasters
tin ware
tires
tools
toys
typewriters
umbrellas
vacuum cleaners
washing machines
watches
water heaters
weather stripping
wheel barrows
wire
wallpaper

DO YOU HAVE YOUR IDENTIFICATION CARD?

M.G.H. School of Nursing uniform and caps are modeled by students and graduates. Left to right: Nancy Wall, preclinical; Mary Santuliani, first year; Barbara Farley, intern; and Virginia Hines, graduate and staff nurse on Baker 9.

Student Caps Really No Mystery

Frequently one individual is heard questioning another about the caps of M.G.H. student nurses. Sometimes an adequate answer is provided, but more often than not the conversation ends rather abruptly with a "sorry, I dont know." Your writer is attempting to provide the correct answers.

To begin with, all student nurses at M.G.H. wear caps throughout their three years of training. As soon as a student commences her training and dons the traditional black and white checked uniform with white apron, collar and cuffs, she also dons a small, flat cap which is often referred to as a pancake. As soon as a bib is fitted to her, she adds that to her dress.

The low cap is worn for the first twenty-eight months of her training. After that, at the capping ceremony, she is presented with a taller cap—the same as that which she receives upon graduation. However, a black velvet band is added to the cap once a student completes her education, and she sheds the black and white checked uniform for a white one.

Black Shoes and Stockings

The black shoes and stockings of students have raised more than one question. Traditionally, M.G.H. students have worn black shoes and stockings. In 1950, when a change was considered, the students unanimously agreed to maintain the tradition.

There are exceptions, however, for every so often a girl is allergic to black dye and must wear white shoes and stockings. These cases are extremely rare.

Occasionally one sees a student in the halls wearing only the black and white checked uniform. This is referred to as the informal dress and is permissible when she is assigned to duty in the operating room or to the recovery room where she must change into a scrub gown. In other words, she is without cap, bib and apron only when she is going to or coming from these areas, or when she is off duty.

"FINIAN'S RAINBOW"

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the School of Nursing will also share the limelight. Miss Lizetta McKinzie of Occupational Therapy will arrange the choreography. The cast, which includes a large chorus of singers and dancers, is under the direction of Miss Margot Warner.

Many of the individuals are not new to the operetta company. Among them are Richard Rogers and Peter Terry whom M.G.H. audiences have seen in almost all of our Gilbert and Sullivan productions. Catherine Laffin first appeared as Katisha in last year's operetta, "The Mikado." Barrie Bell's beginning with M.G.H. was in "The Gondoliers." His army service, however, kept him away until last year, at which time he returned for "The Mikado."

DO YOU RECOGNIZE THESE BIRDS?

Fleet-Footed Late-Bird

Although one of the swiftest birds afoot, this species is rarely on time. He can be found any morning at 8:35 several blocks from the office, running hard. Because of this odd habit, he has become a master of the stealthy entrance; hopes he won't be noticed.

Long-Winded Coffee-Yak

Blessed with remarkable vocal endurance, this bird likes to gather in groups in the morning at coffee time, participate in long discussions about movies, men, fashions.

Disappearing Dodo

An individualist, the dodo is often seen entering the office during working hours loaded down with packages, frequently disappears for an extended lunch period.

Vincent-Burnham Nurses Receive Certificates

Vincent-Burnham head nurses and assistant head nurses received certificates at a tea on February 14 for having participated in an in-service program designed especially for head nurses.

This program was set up by Staff Education as a pilot study to determine the effectiveness of such a plan. It consisted of conferences on the organization and administration of the hospital, organization for total patient care, interdepartmental relationships, personnel management, and administration of the hospital unit. These conferences were conducted by members of nursing administration, hospital administration, department heads, and staff doctors.

The purpose of the conferences was to help the head nurse to develop effectiveness in planning and contributing to the care of patients—thereby deriving more job satisfaction herself. Evaluation of the program by the head nurses indicated that most of the conferences were worthwhile and informative.

Miss Ruth Sleeper and Miss Edna Lepper, Director and Associate Director of Nursing Service, respectively, presented certificates to head nurses Ann Cleary, V3; Patricia Keegan, Bur. 6; Dorothy Mahoney, Bur. 4; Florence Thistle, V2; and Joyce Wilcox, Bur. 5; and to assistant head nurses Ruth Bakutis, Bur. 5; Marion Black, Bur. 4; Mary Denney, Bur. 6; and Ruth Henkels, V2.

A similar program will be available to other head nurses.

March 26-28 Dates for Hospital Assembly

The New England Hospital Assembly sessions, scheduled for March 26, 27 and 28 at the Statler Hotel, will mark the organization's thirty-fifth anniversary year. Founded in 1921 as the New England Hospital Association, the group was the first regional hospital organization in the United States.

The three sections in the 1956 Assembly will include general sessions, instructional conferences and section meetings.

Dr. E. T. Neumann, Administrator, will preside over a session entitled "Studies in Hospital Administration" on March 26. Dr. Dean A. Clark, General Director, will be chairman of two sessions: "Large Hospitals" and "Disaster or Emergency Planning" on March 27 and 28, respectively.

Dr. Nathaniel W. Faxon, Director Emeritus, is a member of the faculty for instructional conferences.

SUGGESTION AWARD

An award of $2.00 was made recently to Mrs. Theresa Jeanlouis, forelady of Laundry, when she suggested that cellutex sponges rather than dishcloths be used in the diet kitchens.

Dishcloths had been a problem because they had to be laundered twice a week. The sponges, which are quite inexpensive, last for approximately three to four months and may be scalded in each kitchen's dishwashing machine.

DRIVE CAREFULLY

ALLEY TALLIES

There is a strong fight for first place in the second half of the M.G.H. Bowling League. It is difficult to tell, as this goes to press, who will be in first place from one week to another. The Pharmacy Team is still leading the league with their fine bowling, and the balance of the league is right on their heels. They will have a much stronger fight on their hands to maintain their present standings since the lower teams in the league have greatly improved.

John Murphy of Refrigeration still holds the high individual singles with 133 and has improved his average to 95, which ties him with George MacKinnon of Plumbing. George still holds the high three strings with 333.

A tip of the hat to Roy Moon for a job well done as treasurer of the league. Roy resigned recently and Connie Sergott of Accounting has been elected as his replacement. Connie has been one of the standouts on the Accounting Team this year and is one of the top bowlers of the league.

John Cavallaro, Tony Giarrusso and Walter Robak have just recovered recently from operations and are bowling again.

We expect to have some surprising changes next month.

George Boyce

Is Our Face Red Department

Our apologies for the error in last month's issue of **The World** in which we stated that the ground breaking ceremonies of the Research Building took place on December 30, 1939. The correct date is December 30, 1949.

ABOUT FOLKS

Baker Memorial

Baker 9 has reopened with the following personnel: head nurse **Mrs. Veronica Sison;** staff nurses **Miss Frances Hamill, Miss Mary Hines, Miss Elizabeth Murphy** and **Mrs. Jennie Smith;** LPN's **Misses Virginia Aloise, Bridie Dalton, Othilda Holness, Helen Rooney** and **Mr. Joseph Reeve;** secretary **Miss Margaret Powers** and aide **Mr. Richard Snaith.**

Everyone is pleased with the transformation of the porches. They are now colorful patient rooms which offer a wonderful view of the river and its surroundings.

Richard Snaith

Social Service

A joint farewell party was held recently in honor of **Miss Pauline Knott** and **Mrs. Judy McGovern.** Miss Knott is going to the Lynn Hospital as director of its Social Service Department and Mrs. McGovern is going to Pennsylvania where her husband has a new position.

The new social worker with the lovely accent who has joined the Orthopedic Service is **Miss Janet Butler** of Sydney, Australia.

Several members of this department will appear in the M.G.H. production of "Finian's Rainbow:" **Misses Joan Brownell, Elizabeth Ellis, Geraldine Lagammo, Myerma Hersey** and **Joan Hertzberg.**

Ora Barkan

Pharmacy

Late, but warm welcomes to **John Memos** and **Tommy Mooncai.** A more recent addition to the Pharmacy was **Roland Pinto,** who transferred from Baker 9.

Belated congratulations to **Charlie Joyce** who celebrated his forty-second wedding anniversary a while ago.

A surprise 'phone call was received by **Agnes McGovern** from **"Pop" Charles Cummings** after he received a small gift from the Pharmacy as a remembrance. "Pop" had been with us for over eleven years when he resigned last September.

David Kazaka

Dietary Tidbits

Rose Beauregard, diet aide in the White Building, has a new diamond ring—the special kind that is worn only on the third finger of the left hand.

Natalie Snowden is now a diet aide in the Research Ward. Previously she was a floor server in Baker.

Harriet Thomas of White Dietary has a very new grandson—born late in January.

Ethel Shaw of West Cafeteria and Burnham is fully recovered from her recent illness.

Cecilia O'Donnell of Baker became Mrs. Charles Durham January 28.

Our sympathy to **Elsie Kress** of Nurses' Cafeteria who lost her husband in death recently.

Florence MacKinnon, cashier, was a casualty of one of the January storms. Her arm was broken as the result of a fall on the way to work and she has been out of work for a few weeks.

We're very happy for **Mrs. Miriam Cobb,** diet aide in Baker, whose son has recovered sufficiently from polio to return to work.

Frances Harvey

Mr. Lewis Felch, elevator operator in Phillips House, retired recently after almost twenty-nine years of service.

Here and There

Miss Elsie Henson, secretary to Dr. Albright, has announced her engagement to Mr. Neal Sullivan.

Chaplain James Burns attended the American Protestant Hospital Association meeting which was held in St. Louis the week of February 6-10.

Eye and Ear Infirmary

On January 7 the members of the Cured Cancer Club presented their final check for the Free Bed Fund at the Infirmary. This was the culmination of their goal to raise $10,000, which was set in 1948. This fund is unique at the Infirmary since it is the only such fund raised by the joint cooperation of all the members. In order to raise this money the club has put on one fund raising project after another.

The Infirmary has more and more cancer patients each year. Without the Cured Cancer Free Bed Fund, it would be the Infirmary's job to care for many of these older patients who cannot afford their long, expensive hospitalization. Now that the fund has reached its goal the benefits can be extended to more patients, but the club has voted to continue its fund raising activities so that these benefits can be more widely distributed.

Mr. Raymond Lyons and **Mr. Ernest Smith** of the Accounting Department have been attending monthly meetings of the American Association of Hospital Accountants. The Massachusetts Chapter was formed several years ago to exchange ideas and to try to educate the various hospitals in uniform accounting. They also assist in sponsoring the Annual Institute of Hospital Accounting at Indiana University.

Miss Theresa Ecker, secretary in the Howe Lab, accompanied her mother, Mrs. James Ecker, to Paris and Rome for a two week vacation. Mrs. Ecker won the all-expense trip when her entry was judged the best in a recent Elm Farm contest.

New personnel at the Infirmary include: **Miss Jean Butler,** who is affiliating with the Occupational Therapy Department for two months; **Miss Sally Bourne,** receptionist in the Retina Service; **Miss Mary North,** technical assistant in the Howe Laboratory; **Miss Barbara Benedict,** X-ray secretary; **Miss Dolores Edwards,** laboratory technician in the Mosher Lab; **Mrs. Fay Rubin,** Eye Clinic clerk; **Miss Barbara Yunits,** medical secretary in the Social Service Department, and **Mr. George Waters,** who has returned as research accountant.

Mr. William Stenstrom, formerly with the Howe Lab, is now the medical artist in Retina Service.

We hope that **Miss Joanne Accola** will soon return to Patients Accounts, fully recuperated from injuries suffered in an automobile accident.

Nursing News: **Mrs. Ruth Bougas** has replaced **Miss Claire Bailey** as clinical instructor for the student nurses. Now holding **Miss Jean O'Connell's** position as evening supervisor is **Miss Marjorie Hinkley.** **Miss Ruth West** has replaced **Mrs. Annette Lyons** as nurse in the Winthrop Foundation.

June Vine

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M. G. H. PERSONNEL UNDAUNTED BY MARCH SNOW STORMS

The snow storms of March 16 and 19 which left, for this time of year, an unprecedented accumulation of approximately 20 inches of snow, failed to interrupt the normal functioning of M.G.H. Unless patients looked out of their windows they were unaware of the blizzard-like winds which whipped about and left snow in high drifts, causing Boston to curtail many of her activities.

The cooperative efforts of all personnel made this possible. Everything continued in a normal fashion without any interruption in service to patients.

Employees who were unable to reach the hospital during the second storm were covered by their fellow workers who in many cases worked two shifts. Several departments functioned with a skeleton crew when employees who could be spared were sent home before many transporation lines ceased to operate.

More Than Fully Staffed

Actually, M.G.H. had more people to care for patients than ordinarily because, in addition to the individuals who stood by voluntarily, many employees on the evening and night shifts came in spite of the storm.

One supervisor took four hours to come in from Lowell by car. Another night supervisor arrived at noon to be sure to be able to report for duty at 11:00 p.m. An aide in the M.G.H. Nursing Department who brought his child into the Eye and Ear Infirmary for a tonsillectomy asked to work all night.

Three graduate nurses from the Bellevue Hospital in New York, who were visiting Boston, arrived at M.G.H. in a patrol car from Station 3 to volunteer their services. They worked all night without patients

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"Finian's Rainbow" Promises To Be Hit

Tickets are now on sale for "Finian's Rainbow," the forthcoming production of the M.G.H. Operetta Company which will be performed at Morse Auditorium of the Museum of Science on April 25, 26 and 27.

Admission will be $1.25 per person with special rates of $.50 per person for students of M.G.H.

Tickets may be purchased in the Personnel Department, at the White Information Desk, or from members of the Operetta Company.

Curtain time for the performances will be 8:30 p.m.

Change In Vacation Policy Benefits Long Service Personnel

A change in our vacation policy has been made, it was announced recently by Mr. Edmund R. Mattos, Assistant Director.

After ten years of continuous service, employees receiving either two or three weeks' vacation will be allowed an additional week of vacation.

After twenty years of continuous service **all** employees will be granted an additional week of vacation.

The following illustrations may be of some help.

An employee who has been working at M.G.H. since October, 1945, has a standard vacation of two weeks. Since he has been here continuously for ten years he will be entitled to an annual vacation of three weeks after May 1, 1956.

An individual, employed continuously since August, 1946, received a standard vacation of three weeks. He will not be entitled to a four-week vacation until after May 1, 1957. His ten years of service will not be up until August, 1956.

If entitled to an annual vacation of four weeks, an individual who has worked at the hospital since January, 1936, will be granted an additional week's vacation after May 1, 1956. He has completed twenty years of continuous service.

The change in policy has been re-

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(Photo by Ruth Ann Slabey)
Buried and deserted is this car in the main driveway after the March 19 storm.

The entire shoveling crew of which these men are a part worked all day and night to keep driveways and sidewalks clear.

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Mr. Bernard A. Crosson, new supervising engineer for maintenance and engineering, at left is welcomed by Mr. Carleton N. Goff, architect for planning and construction.

Victims Of Train Crashes Admitted To Emergency Ward

Twice during the last week of February the Emergency Ward proved, as it had many times in the past, that it is always ready. Both emergencies resulted from train accidents.

The first accident occurred February 24 when a Worcester to Boston train came to an abrupt halt in North Station. Within a few minutes of the crash the hospital was notified.

Shortly after 8:00 p.m. approximately eighteen patients arrived at the Emergency Ward. According to Mr. John Rideout, evening administrative assistant in E.W., there were forty-five hectic minutes in which patients were admitted, telephones were ringing, and doctors, nurses and aides helped patients. In less than five hours all patients had been discharged. Only two were required to remain in the Overnight Ward.

Four days later, on February 28, M.G.H. was alerted of a train crash in Swampscott. After learning that the injured had been taken to the Lynn Hospital, the personnel in the E.W. relaxed somewhat.

A short time later, however, six injured individuals arrived from North Station in a taxi. Included in the group was a railroad man who informed E.W. of an unfortunate rear-end collision in Revere.

Mr. Earl Morrill, head admitting officer in E.W., was amazed at the cooperativeness of the patients. They formed a line at the admitting desk, and having heard some of the questions asked of the individuals who preceded them, gave Mr. Morrill the necessary information without being questioned each time.

One woman insisted that a man who appeared more seriously injured than she be taken care of first.

Three of the eighteen patients admitted had escaped injury in the Swampscott crash and had been transferred to the train which met an accident in Revere.

In each case additional doctors, nurses, aides and messengers were summoned to E.W. on extremely short notice. It was necessary to send almost all patients to X-ray. Fortunately, no one was critically injured.

New Maintenance Heads

Now heading the Maintenance Department are Mr. Bernard A. Crosson, supervising engineer for maintenance and engineering, and Mr. Carleton N. Goff, architect for planning and construction, it was announced recently by Mr. Joseph A. Degen, Assistant Director.

Mr. Crosson, who assumed his position February 13, formerly was plant engineer at Brown University for two yeas. Prior to that he was an automobile machine engineer at Fredwell Products. He is a member of the Illuminating Engineering Society and the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

Mr. Goff has been an architect with M.G.H. since 1945. However, he was not a stranger at that time, for he had been with the hospital from 1938 to 1940.

According to Mr. Degen, the department will be coordinated by separate functions under the new set-up.

Dr. Aub Honored

Dr. Joseph C. Aub, director of the Huntington Lab, was the 1956 recipient of the Bertner Foundation Award for oustanding contribution in the field of cancer research. The presentation was made March 30 at the tenth annual symposium on fundamental cancer research at the University of Texas M. D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute.

In accepting the award, Dr. Aub presented the annual Bertner lecture. He discussed "Cancer Research is Growing Up."

New Program In Medical Technology

The Simmons College School of Science and M.G.H. recently announced a new program of training in medical technology which will lead to a bachelor of science degree.

The original request that Simmons consider such a program came from Dr. Dean A. Clark, General Director. He and the director of the school, Dr. John A. Timm, agreed that such a program would help fill the need for more properly trained technologists.

The program has been approved by the American Medical Association's committee on hospitals and education.

Co-directors of the program will be Dr. Benjamin Castleman, Chief of Pathology, and Dr. Charles H. DuToit, Director of the Chemistry Laboratory. Both doctors are connected with the Harvard Medical School, also.

Susan Rossdillen, national indoor tennis champion.

National Tennis Champion Works In Accounting

Miss Susan Rossdillen of Clinics Accounting won the Women's National Indoor Tennis Tournament at Longwood Cricket Club, Chestnut Hill, on March 14. She and her partner, Miss Helen Rihbany, are now the champions of the women's indoor doubles competition.

Miss Rossdillen, a native of Sutton, England, has played tennis for several years. She had competed in England and in Ireland and had achieved several honors.

After she came to the United States in 1950, Miss Rossdillen lived in Berkeley, California. While there she played in state tennis tournaments.

Miss Rossdillen (whose name is hyphenated in England) intends to live in this country. However, she has returned to Sutton and her parents due to her mother's illness.

The success of her recent match was in Miss Rossdillen's own words, "a wonderful surprise."

Operetta Company Elects Officers

Elected president of the M.G.H. Operetta Company on February 21 was Stephen Corsaro of the Barber Shop. John Farrell of Baker Nursing and Miss Barbara Mahn, dietitian in Baker, were elected vice-president and secretary, respectively.

Mr. Corsaro and Mr. Farrell have been members of the group since its inception in 1949 and have appeared in the annual productions. Miss Mahn joined the company last year.

SNOW STORMS

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knowing their present fame. They were the Bonny Sisters, record stars. While at Bellevue a short time ago they started to sing together, won a contest or two, and decided to become professional singers.

Overnight Accommodations

The Nursing, Maintenance, Housekeeping and Laundry Departments provided overnight accommodations on March 19 for more than 300 people in the Clinics, classrooms and student dormitories. These areas housed relatives of patients as well as hospital workers. All were issued a kit which contained a toothbrush, toothpaste, face cloth and towel.

The cafeterias remained open until midnight, serving coffee and snacks. A television was set up in the Moseley Rotunda, radios were made available, and a bulletin board in the White Lobby carried the latest news of the storm and transportation facilities.

Of those who stayed for the night, 92 were nursing personnel—the largest number from any department. Approximately 61 Dietary workers and 26 Maintenance employees were housed for the night. Fifteen of the Maintenance members comprised the shoveling crew who kept all driveways, sidewalks and parking lots clear. The Laundry had 18 employees who stayed overnight.

The areas used as dormitories were reconverted as quickly as they had been set up. The Clinics opened as usual at 8:00 a.m. on March 20.

Commenting on the way in which the hospital met this emergency, Dr. Dean A. Clark, General Director, said, "The cooperation of the members of all departments in the hospital has again made it possible for the M.G.H. to function in an emergency without curtailing in any way its service to patients and the community."

Fifty-seven patients were admitted to the hospital on March 19, and sixty-three patients were brought into the Emergency Ward.

VACATION POLICY

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ceived with great enthusiasm by people who have worked here less than ten years as well as by long service personnel.

Accidents Never Too Small To Report

No employee wants to get injured while working, but if you are injured, report the accident to Staff Clinic immediately.

A minor injury, such as a small scratch, can develop into a very serious infection. Five minutes of first aid may be hours and dollars saved for the employee and hospital alike.

Care prevents many accidents. Keep your mind on your work at all times.

Chatting between rehearsal scenes of "Finian's Rainbow" are principals, left to right: Paul Austin, Dietary; Orestus Pollard; Margot Warner, director; Richard Rogers, Bulfinch Nursing; Catherine Laffin and Barrie Bell.

ALLEY TALLIES

With the 1955-56 season reaching its final month, the battle for first place in the M.G.H. Bowling League finds Refrigeration at the top, closely followed by Pharmacy and Accounting.

If there is to be a play-off, either Refrigeration or Accounting has to finish in first since Pharmacy won the first half of the season. If not, Pharmacy will be considered the champion team. Accounting, one of the dark horses of the league, has really found itself this second half and is making a fast climb toward the top.

As a result of some excellent bowling in the past few weeks, Joe St. Pierre has climbed to first place in the high individual average with 94. Johnny Murphy is having a good year with a high average and holds the high singles with 139. George MacKinnon holds the high three strings with 333.

The fine work of the officers and the excellent showing of every member of the league have provided a successful season.

George Boyce

Instructor Stephen Gilbert of Medical Arts offers a suggestion to Judith Walker at a recent meeting of the Four A's. Posing is student nurse Suzanne Vogeley. Working on a similar sketch are, left to right: Mary Welch, hospital aide in Baker, and Katherine Villinger.

You, Too, May Sail On The Charles

Last summer did you find yourself wishing you were sailing on the Charles River?

This summer you may do away with the wishing and do the sailing by contacting the Community Boathouse at 21 Embankment Road.

The sailing season of this somewhat unique sailing club starts April 1 and extends to November 1. Membership may be obtained for the entire season or any part thereof with a minimum thirty-day membership.

If you've never sailed before, you will find this a perfect place to begin. Experienced instructors teach you everything from making a simple knot to handling craft in fairly high winds. When you feel confident enough to handle a boat by yourself, you may be your own skipper, with a guest or two if you wish.

If you are an experienced sailor, racing will probably interest you.

Don't spend the summed wishing; sail!

What Do You Know About M.G.H.?

1. The architect of the Massachusetts State House designed our
   a. Bulfinch Building
   b. Phillips House
   c. Thayer House
2. The Chairles River at one time flowed on part of the land on which the hospital now stands. Proof of the higher water mark is part of a wharf outside the
   a. Bulfinch Building
   b. Baker Memorial
   c. White Building
3. The M.G.H. flag which is displayed above the entrance of the White Building every Friday marks a
   a. staff meeting
   b. meeting of the trustees
   c. administrative committee meeting
4. M.G.H. admits approximately how many patients annually?
   a. 12,000
   b. 17,000
   c. 24,000
5. In 1953 which member of our staff was awarded a Nobel prize?
   a. Dr. Fuller Albright
   b. Dr. Edward Churchill
   c. Dr. Fritz Lipmann
6. The total number of polio patients admitted during the recent epidemic was almost
   a. 200
   b. 400
   c. 600
7. Our School of Nursing has approximately how many students?
   a. 200
   b. 400
   c. 600
8. The Dietary Department prepares approximately how many gallons of ice cream weekly?
   a. 300
   b. 450
   c. 520
9. The daily average number of operations performed in our surgical units is
   a. 40
   b. 70
   c. 100
10. Our volunteer staff has a total of approximately
   a. 250
   b. 375
   c. 575

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HELP REDUCE ACCIDENTS

By being more careful.

By reporting faulty equipment.

By learning how to use equipment.

By reporting all accidents.

SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS

Europe Destination For Many This Summer

A repeat performance of last year's M.G.H. European Tour is expected to take place during late summer.

Scheduled for September, a thirty-day trip this year will include France, Switzerland, Italy, Spain and Portugal. The group, comprised of personnel and friends, will depart from Boston to Paris on September 1. They will visit Paris, Geneva, Milan, Venice, Florence, Rome, Pisa, Nice, Nimes, Barcelona, Valencia, Madrid, Granada, Seville and Lisbon.

Throughout their tour the group will travel by bus. In this way they will be able to see a great deal of the countryside as well as the cities in which they will remain. They will stay in each city anywhere from a day to three days.

All Expenses Included

Included in the total cost of the trip are round-trip air transportation, hotel accommodations, all meals, sightseeing excursions in very city and all tips. Furthermore, an experienced tour conductor will accompany the group throughout the journey. The rate per person will be $888 if a minimum of thirty-two persons are included.

Shorter Tour if Desired

For those who prefer a shorter vacation, a nineteen-day trip to France, Italy, Austria and Germany has been planned. The cities included in this tour will be Paris, Rome, Vienna, Salzburg, Heidelberg and Strasbourg. The all-expense tour, including round-trip air transportation, is $760.

Both groups will fly to Paris together on September 1.

More Information Available

If you are interested in obtaining more information about either trip, contact Personnel, extension 803, as soon as possible.

Personnel Eligible For "Coop" Membership

M.G.H. personnel are reminded that they are eligible for membership in the Harvard Cooperative Society.

In order to obtain membership an employee should go to the "coop" and present his M.G.H. identification card and $1.00 to the cashier. Membership, which is good for a year, guarantees individuals a refund of 10 per cent on cash purchases and 8 per cent on charge purchases. These are paid at the end of the fiscal year.

Individuals may shop at the Harvard Square or at the branch store on Massachusetts Avenue opposite M.I.T.

Story time in the Nursery School finds Miss Priscilla Stevens reading to the children. Left to right: Stephen Small, Douglas Struch, Louis DeToma, Margaret Bagnall, Billy and Eileen Miller, Robin Roigh, Jennifer Bagnall and Ann Marie DeCosta.

Children Play While Mothers Work

The M.G.H. Nursery School, which was established less than three years ago, has been a boon to nurses who have children between the ages of three and five, and who have no one with whom to leave the children while they work.

Now a nurse can work at M.G.H. even if she has a child of preschool age. If she enrolls her child in the Nursery School she will know that while she works her child is in competent hands. Furthermore, this service is free. The nursery is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays.

Varied Activities

The Nursery School is inconspicuously located on the first floor of the Bulfinch Building beyond Ward 4. From the moment one enters the door on which hangs a gay sign reading "Bulfinch Nursery," one forgets he is in a hospital. The effective pictures scattered throughout the room, a sandbox, a piano, a low round table and numerus tiny chairs provide a pleasant background for the children.

Miss Priscilla Stevens, nursery school teacher, describes the program as a play school variety. The children paint, play with sand and clay, make puzzles, participate in singing games and listen to stories read by Miss Stevens.

Unless the weather is poor, the children also play outdoors. A source of great fun is the making of snowmen on the Bulfinch Lawn. During the summer a picnic is a special treat.

Lunch is provided for the youngsters. After their meal the shades in the room are drawn and nap time is observed. Each child has a small mattress and blanket.

Helping Miss Stevens is Miss Jane Schultz, hospital aide. When not in the Nursery School Miss Schultz works in the formula room in Burnham.

Help Wanted

Although "Finian's Rainbow" is in its final production stages, the M.G.H. Operetta Company still needs the help of various individuals.

If you are interested in making costumes or scenery, putting on make-up, ushering, selling tickets, or being a stagehand, it is not too late to volunteer your services.

Act at once by calling extension 803.

And then there was the doctor who was asked how to cure the common cold. "Undress and stand before an open door for a couple of hours in winter," he said.

"What?" was the reply. "I'd get pneumonia!"

"Yes," said the doc. "And we have a cure for that."

ABOUT FOLKS

Housekeeping

Congratulations to **Mr. Joseph Doherty,** supervisor, upon his marriage to **Miss Barbara Browne,** March, 1955, graduate of the School of Nursing, on March 1. Mr. Doherty and his bride were presented with a pair of blankets, a Martha Washington bedspread and a check from the members of the department.

Our sympathy is extended to **Mrs. John Donovan** upon the death of her husband. He passed away suddenly while on night duty in Bulfinch on February 18.

Tragedy also struck **Mr. Bernard Robbins,** foreman in Bulfinch, when he lost his brother February 19.

Mr. Philip Quinn, supervisor, left to assume a position at the Waltham Hospital.

Here And There

We have heard indirectly of **Mr. George Hamilton,** guard in the Parkman Street lot who retired in January. Mr. Hamilton, in his letter to the Board of Managers of the Vincent Memorial Hospital, wrote that he is enjoying his retirement in St. Petersburg, Florida. Although he is meeting people from all over the country, he states, "I miss the contact with so many nice people at the hospital."

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A surprise shower was given recently for **Miss Gloria Corcoran** of White Information who is to be married soon. Miscellaneous gifts and an electric roaster were presented to her by her friends. Those present were **Mrs. Adeline Morrill, Theresa Delaney, Henry Herrick, Bill Ionelli, Ruth Kempf, June Reilly, Georgianna Stearly** and **Hope Wright.**

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Bon voyage was the theme of the party held on March 17 at the home of **Miss Hope Wright** for **Mrs. Ruth Kempf** of White Information. She sailed March 24 aboard the "Empress of Scotland" to England. She will attend her son's wedding in Wales on April 10. Her son is a violinist in the 7th Army stationed at Stuttgart, Germany. Mrs. Kempf will have the opportunity to visit places of interest in the British Isles prior to her return aboard the "America" on May 2.

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A luncheon party in honor of **Mrs. Dorothy Barr,** head nurse in X-ray, was held in the X-ray Seminar Room February 10. Upon her retirement from M.G.H. after eighteen years of service, her associates presented her with a silver service.

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Among the many change parties which took place throughout the hospital on March 1, was that held for **Dr. Clement Heibert** in the Vincent Club Room.

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We hear that **Mrs. Mae Benoit** of the Sewing Room has become a great grandmother for the second time.

Eye And Ear Infirmary

The Ladies' Visiting Committee of the Infirmary needs your help to make the annual rummage and treasure sale their most successful. The sale will be held in Horticultural Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on April 26.

Among the items wanted are books, bric-a-brac, china, evening and day time clothing, furniture, furs, glassware, household goods, kitchen utensils, leather items, millinery, pictures, rugs, shoes, etc. A selection of better items from the list will be sold in the Treasure Shop section.

The money raised will be used in furthering the welfare of patients and personnel at the Infirmary.

Rummage articles may be left at the residence at 14 Embankment Road.

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New personnel at the Infirmary includes **Mr. Rick Stafford,** photographer in the Howe Laboratory; **Miss Mary North,** lab assistant in Dr. David Cogan's Laboratory; **Miss Alice Dunn,** cashier; **Miss Marie MacDonald,** secretary in the Retina Service; **Mrs. Eileen Morse,** secretary to Mr. Denholm Jacobs, Associate Director; and **Miss Mary Gilchrist,** lab technician in Dr. Francis Weille's laboratory where basic research on the circulation of the inner ear is being carried on.

(Courtesy of "Ethicon Infirmary")

"New resident!—Ah-h-h."

After a wedding trip Mrs. James Leone, the former **Arlene Hayes,** will return to her position of lab technician in the Howe Laboratory. Mrs. Leone was married on March 10.

Mr. George Miller, director of Maintenance, has returned from a month's vacation in Florida.

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NURSING NEWS: **Miss Evelyn Perkins,** nursing service supervisor, attended a workshop on "Supervisory Training" given by the American Hospital Association at the Hotel Somerset February 27 to March 2.

Miss Marjorie Haywood, educational director, is spending two weeks in Florida.

Miss Dolores Hermandez, nursing aide instructor, is attending a workshop on nursing aide teaching on March 28 and 29.

An exhibit prepared by **Miss Elizabeth Ward,** operating room supervisor, was on display at a recent operating room nurses' convention at the Hotel Statler.

Miss Gail Kent, who has been working at the Infirmary for several months as a nurses' aide, has entered the M.G.H. School of Nursing.

June Vine

ANSWERS TO QUIZ

1-a, 2-c, 3-b, 4-b, 5-c, 6-b, 7-b, 8-c, 9-a, 10-c.

"FINIAN'S RAINBOW" IS COMING TO M.G.H.

Place: Morse Auditorium, Museum of Science

Dates: April 25, 26 and 27

Time: 8:30 p.m.

Tickets: $1.25 and $.50 for students of M.G.H.

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Discussing plans for the M.G.H. Pops which was held in the Moseley Rotunda are, left to right: Pauline Murray, Harriet Beltrandi, Ella Potter, Jane Wright, Barbara Sharrett and Elaine Battles.

M.G.H. Has Own Pops

The student nurses sponsored an M.G.H. "Pops" which was held May 17 in the Moseley Rotunda. The purpose of this evening of entertainment was to raise money to defray the expenses of sending two students to the national convention of the American Nurses' Association which will be held for one week in Chicago.

The entertainment consisted of the student nurses' Glee Club, pianists from the Harvard Medical School, and various other talent.

The traditional red checkered table cloths and coke bottles added authentic atmosphere, and refreshments were served throughout the evening.

The success of this project was due in large part to the untiring efforts of the Misses Barbara Scharrett and Eleanor Bahler, student chairmen; Chardy Bayles, program committee; Ella Potter, finance; Elaine Battles and Beverly Anderson, arrangements; Ella Todd, refeshments; Carol Harkness, ushers; Jane Wright, decorations; and Pauline Murray, publicity.

The enjoyable program was well attended by members of the hospital family and their friends.

"Finian's Rainbow" A Great Success

Excitement was in the air at the Morse Auditorium, Museum of Science, April 25, 26 and 27, when the M.G.H. Operetta Company offered as its seventh annual presentation, the hit Broadway musical, "Finian's Rainbow."

Under the capable direction of Margot Warner, and to the pleasant accompaniment of Mrs. Phillips Ketchum, unfolded the charming tale of Finian McLonergan, an Irishman, who found a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow and hastened to Fort Knox with a unique plan of redistributing the wealth from the vaults of Fort Knox to his own ready pockets. His plans were knocked a little awry by a Senator Rawkins of the Claghorn school, and a leprechaun imported directly from Glocca Morra. However, true to musical comedy lore, the meek inherit the earth and Finian and the inhabitants of Rainbow Valley prosper.

Paul Austin of the Dietary Department was hilarious as the Utopian-seeking rainbow chaser, Finian McLonergan. His daughter Sharon, a refreshingly realistic Irish Colleen, was portrayed brilliantly by Carrol Schillemat, a first year nursing student. She showed remarkable stage presence, and promising dramatic ability as well as possessing a very engaging voice.

Richard Rogers of Bulfinch Nursing sang the male lead in a very pleasing baritone voice. As Woody Mahoney, Sharon's Missitucky suitor, his singing of that "Old Devil Moon" was especially well done.

Two of Senator Rawkins hirelings, portrayed by Stuart Mosler as Buzz Collins and Dick Snaith of Baker Nursing as the Sheriff, gave moments of high comedy to the show.

Jane Kissling, sister of Mary Lou Kissling of the Dietary Department, danced the role of Susan Mahoney, Woody's mute sister, with charm and grace. Her dance of the golden crock stopped the show.

Barrie Bell as Og, the amorous Leprechaun who's becoming more human every minute, was perfectly delightful. He and Carrol Schillemat gave a show-stopping rendition of the number "Something Sort of Grandish."

The performances of the rest of the cast were on par with those of the principals. Especially enjoyable were those of Orestus Pollard, formerly of Phillips House Nursing, who played Senator Billboard Rawkins with vigor. The singing of Tom Connolly, son of one of our chefs, and Harvey Campbell of White Nursing and Housekeeping, as the two Passion Gospeleers was excellent. The chorus and dancers admirably supported the principals and lent much color to the enjoyment of the evening.

The cooperation of many employees representing almost every department of the hospital was required to make Finian's Rainbow the success that it was.

Barbara Langell

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Entertainment Program For Polio Patients

Although eight months have passed since the rage of the polio epidemic, the wards on White 9 remain filled. Many of the patients have been in the hospital since August of last year and will still be here at the end of the summer.

The infectious state of the disease has long since passed but the trying rehabilitative process necessary to the adjustment of the patients to problems, created by the effects of the disease, still goes on.

Since this rehabilitation program is often very trying for the patients, entertainment plays a vital role in their lives. Lying in bed all day with nothing to think of but themselves often leads to periods of depression. Because many of these patients are unable to undertake any active form of amusement, the job has fallen to the many willing volunteers who have become interested in the polio victims. During the past year these people, including staff doctors, nurses and lay personnel have entertained White 9. Most recently the patients have been treated to feature movies shown weekly. These movies are provided by a special emergency entertainment fund for polio patients, set up by the Ladies Visiting Committee, and other interested individuals. The patients seem to enjoy this type of entertainment greatly and morale is especially high on "Movie Night".

Parties, such as an Easter Party arranged by the occupational therapist, Miss Jean Coffin, are always welcomed as an extra special treat for the entire ward.

Many friends of the patients take great interest in the entertainment of the patients and such a group from the University of Massachusetts is coming down to sing to the patients in the very near future.

The patients, themselves, are far from passive in this entertainment operation. They publish a weekly newspaper, called the **Breathless Bugle**, which features humorous gossip, original poetry, book reviews and news of general interest to the entire ward, both patients and personnel.

Barbara Langell

The Whys and Wherefores

Personal Telephone Calls

So you're fighting mad because you didn't get to speak to your friend who phoned you at the hospital? Perhaps you didn't stop to consider the inconvenience of personal calls. The ensuing tie-up often involves as many as five lines — the switchboard, the personnel office, the information desk, the department secretary, and finally the recipient of the call, you.

You wouldn't dream of blocking the path of an ambulance. If anyone suggested that you deliberately delayed a patient from reaching a doctor you would be shocked and indignant. Yet, hundreds of M.G.H. employees unintentionally impede the progress of medicine every day. How do they do it? By jamming up the busy hospital switchboard with personal calls.

There are times when all the trunk lines are in use and no more calls can be placed until someone hangs up. Precious minutes tick by while a secretary tries in vain to summon a doctor.

Was your phone call that important? Couldn't it wait until you got home? Or if not, you might have been brief. Long gab sessions are a teenage addiction and absolutely inexcusable in a place of business where life is the most important product. Ask your friends to contact you at home rather than at work.

Emergency calls are always put directly through, and with lightning speed. We even perform the added service of calling you a few minutes later to verify that the transfer was completed, and the message received. When necessary, we do the leg work ourselves and deliver a message personally if it has been impossible to contact an employee by phone.

Yet the bone of contention remains. No employee may receive a personal call during working hours unless an emergency warrants it. We are forced to state this policy innumerable times a day — to your friends, your mother-in-law and your bill collectors.

The "key" to one problem might lie in your pocket. You could cut our load in half by returning the key that you have forgotten. Fifty percent of our messages come from people who "want-in" when employees have thoughtlessly locked them out.

Average Days Sampling

There is the relative who thinks we run a nice cozy little rest home.

"Listen, Miss. I just got in from out of town and I was wondering how my cousin Joe is. You must know Joe. He's worked there six years. I don't want ya' to bother calling him to the phone or nuthin'. Just tell him next time ya' see him that his cousin Ethel called.

And then there's the hysterical young girl.

"Please let me speak to the doctor in charge of the laboratories (sob). My boy friend is a technician there (sob) and he went on a camping trip with me (sob) and he still has my sleeping bag (heartbreaking wail). I want my sleeping bag back."

You can thank us for getting rid of this one.

"Put John Borrower on the phone. This is an emergency! Hurry, Lady! . . . What do you mean, what is the nature of the emergency? This is a matter of life and death. . . . Well, if you must know, he owes me some money. Quite a bit of money, too. . . . O.K., Lady. You win. I'll try to reach him at home."

The course of true love . . .

"I know you'll think I'm crazy to ask you this favor, but I'm desperate. You see, I met the nicest fellow at a dance last night and he asked me for my phone number. Of course I didn't give it to him, but now I wish I had. I don't know his name but he said he works at the hospital. He's tall, with blonde hair, and he speaks with kind of an accent."

Oh, well! All in a day's work. Any similarity between the fore-going calls and those received in our office is purely intentional. All are authentic documented cases from the locked files of Personnel.

Mary Egan

Mrs. A. B. MacGregor is aided by Mrs. Marion Nugent with pre-crutch arm strengthening exercises on a mat as Dr. Arthur Shears looks on.

Miss Marjorie Ionta exercises Mrs. Gail Hickman in resistive gait training with crutches.

Little Frank Limone is helped in stair climbing with brace and crutches by Miss Ionta.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE PHYSICAL THERAPY DEPARTMENT

Although the poliomyelitis epidemic of last summer is behind us from the standpoint of admitting new polio patients, the epidemic nevertheless remains more than a memory.

The Physical Therapy Department plays a vital role in rehabilitating the polio patients who are still with us.

Of the approximate 400 poliomyelitis patients who were admitted to M.G.H. between July and October of 1955, about forty remain with us. This is about one-tenth of the total number of individuals admitted as a result of the dreaded disease.

The Physical Therapy Department with its present staff of eleven physical therapists often handles a hundred patients a day. "This number may not seem overwhelming," explains Miss Nesbitt, Physical Therapy Supervisor, "but when a single physical therapist handles ten or more cases with extensive involvement each day, the task is tremendous and time consuming."

In addition to the polio patients still hospitalized and those who return for treatment as out-patients, the Physical Therapy Department has an obligation to all the other services of the hospital. In fact, its responsibility encompasses the care of all patients suffering from injury or disease which leaves them with some form of physical disability; such as: arthritis, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, fractures, amputations and burns, to mention a few.

The Goal of Physical Therapy

There is but one goal in physical therapy, namely, to regain the greatest degree of physical independence for each and every patient, regardless of the cause of his disability. It is the duty of the physical therapist — as well as all hospital personnel dealing with the patient—to keep, first of all, his spirits and interest in becoming independent at the highest possible level. This is not an easy task.

In the recent polio epidemic for instance, the ages of the polio patients admitted to M.G.H. varied from six weeks to sixty years; the average age falling between 20 and 40 years. "Youngsters," Miss Nesbitt says, "are able to adjust their lives to meet their handicaps much more readily than adults. The more responsibility an individual has, the more difficult it is for him to accept and adjust to new limitations. The family bread-winner and mother have not only themselves to be concerned about." A carefuly graded program of treatment, one in which a sense of accomplishment is never lacking, gives the patient the feeling of progress so necessary to peace of mind.

Where There's a Will — There's a Way

The principle on which the exercise program at M.G.H. is based is one of progressive resistance. The basis of this principle is that muscles respond only in direct proportion to the demand placed upon them. Weakened muscles, therefore, are strengthened by carefully graded progressive resistance. Muscle examinations to determine the power of each muscle is the initial responsibility of the physical therapist so that the exercise program may be graded to the power of the muscles involved. Such examinations are repeated at intervals to determine the progress the patient is making.

Muscles are responsible for all physical activities, even breathing. Some patients who have lost power in their breathing muscles have to be taught necessary techniques of breathing to be able to again exist without the assistance of the various types of respirators. We have twenty-eight such patients still with us from our polio epidemic of last summer.

Functional training, too, is the responsibility of the Physical and Occupational Therapist. Patients must be taught how to feed and dress themselves; how to use braces, crutches, and wheelchairs when such are necessary to their independent living.

This Is a Teaching Institution

In addition to the therapeutic care of the patient, teaching is an important phase of the Physical Therapy Department program. Certain techniques of exercises being used here are new and not generally taught in the schools of Physical Therapy. It therefore remains the responsibility of the senior staff to teach them to

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GREAT SUCCESS FOR "FINIAN'S RAINBOW"

Left to right. 1. Barrie Bell as Og, surprises Sharon, played by Carrol Schillemat. 2. **Woody's Here!** Stuart Mosler menaces Dick Rogers & the Sharecroppers. 3. Production Number **The Idle Poor Become the Idle Rich.** 4. Paul Austin as Finian McLonergan. 5. Ethel Norry sings **Necessity.** 6. Dick Snaith, Paul Austin, Carrol Schillemat, Stuart Mosler & Dick Rogers in the Finale.

Mrs. Joan Behringer provides progressive resistance exercises for right hip abduction for Mr. Henry Maloof.

Miss Ionta provides resistive exercises in functional patterns for left upper and lower extremities for Mrs. Hickman.

the new staff members and the students from Simmons College, Sargent College of Boston University, and Bouve of Tufts University—who affiliate with us for clinical experience.

Rehabilitation classes, ward conferences and orientation programs are held for the nursing education department in order that the physical therapy problems, procedures and goals may be better understood by all contributing to the over-all patient care.

An Invitation to You

The Physical Therapy Department extends an invitation to you to visit the department so that you may see for yourself the role it plays at M.G.H.

Quietly We Celebrate

Ten years ago last month a four-page employee newspaper appeared at M.G.H. for the first time. It was not named until a month later when an employee won an award for his prize-winning title **The World.**

Since then we have shared many stories and experiences.

The hospital has expanded almost constantly since 1946 — the year after the end of World War II. We have seen new buildings erected. Some older structures were torn down to make way for them in a few cases. We have seen the incorporation of new departments, also.

New personnel policies have been introduced. The forty-hour, five-day week, social security coverage, and a new non-contributory pension plan are now taken for granted. Salaries have increased. For example, laboratory technicians earned $27 a week in 1946; floor secretaries earned between $20 and $22 a week.

Throughout its brief ten-year history **The World** has attempted to keep employees informed of what happens around the hospital. Evidently, it has been successful, for many of you consider it a part of M.G.H. and read it with enthusiasm.

This of course pleases us, and inspires us to continue for many more birthdays.

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White Nursing

Mr. Wilfred Cloutier, of the general appliance room, is recovering from surgery on White 6.

Miss Shirley Wells, former orthopedic clinical instructor, is now Mrs. Richard Dalbeck. After a wedding trip to Bermuda, they will reside in Maine.

Miss Marjorie Stewart is the new orthopedic clinical instructor.

We hope to see **Mr. George McMann** of White 8 back on duty soon. He is recuperating at home, after a recent illness.

Miss Carol Beaumont of White 5 was married May 5 to Mr. Neal Satori.

The polio patients on White 9 have been enjoying full length motion pictures which have been shown weekly by **Mr. Max Rosen** and **Mr. Hugh Heney.**

John McCracken

Pharmacy

The welcome mat is out for **Christopher Hewitt,** a new addition to the labelling room of the pharmacy, and also to **Mina Crowley,** a recent transfer to our department.

The new pharmacist on our staff is **Mr. Raymond Gallagher.**

Pharmacist **Dave Kazaka** recently made a change from clinics to house pharmacy.

Agnes McGovern

Accounting

Mr. Frank L. Mullett now heads the patient relations section of Patients' Accounts. We also welcome **Miss Roberta H. Motta,** Mr. Mullett's Gal Friday.

Best wishes to **Miss Charlotte Matulsky** of Baker 2 accounting on her recent engagement to Mr. Meredith Shapiro.

Mr. John McSweeney has transferred to the fund division on Baker 2.

Mr. Ralph Brown is the new cashier in the White Building.

The Tabulating Department welcomes **Miss Joann Pelosi.**

Roberta Motta

Secretaries' Office

Carmella Brogna is the new secretary in the Secretaries Office. She replaced **A. Louise McLaughlin** who is now Dr. William McDermott's secretary.

Medical Arts

The School of Medical Illustration announces the engagement of **Miss Nancy Evans** to **Mr. William Stone.** They are classmates in the second year. The wedding is planned for Labor Day week-end.

Mr. Barry O'Neil plans to be married in June. His fiancée is Miss Mary Alice Roberts, a Boston University student.

Chemistry Laboratory

Members of the Chemistry Laboratory held a farewell dinner for **Miss Marjorie Bick.** Marjorie will travel to London where she will remain until September, and will then return to her home in Brighton Victoria, Australia.

We welcome **Miss Birthe Stensoe,** of Copenhagen, Denmark, to our staff.

Jeanne Russell

Odds and Ends

Congratulations to **Margaret Joyce** of X-ray and **Catherine Higgins** of the telephone department, who have just completed 32 and 30 years of service respectively.

Pathology Aids Television Program

The television cameras of WGBH-TV invaded the Pathology building recently to make a film recording of the work being done there. These films are to be used by Dr. David D. Rutstein, director of the **Facts of Medicine** program on Channel 2, in conjunction with the series he is doing on Cancer.

Volunteers Awarded Service Pins

Ten volunteers received their 100-hour American Hospital Volunteer Pins at the Phillips Brooks House, Harvard University, on May 10. Miss Daphne Corbett, Associate Director of Nursing, and Miss Mary Ruth Wolf, Director of Volunteers, made the presentations.

During the past year about forty students have served here at M.G.H. Their tasks have ranged from helping in the hospital's mail and messenger services, to answering call lights and reading to patients.

Social Service

Mrs. Miriam Jones, formerly of California, is the new social worker in the Tumor Clinic.

Mrs. Julia Busing has replaced **Miss Phyllis Miller** as case aide. Miss Miller is now working with the Division of Child Guardianship.

Mrs. Anne Krusch has left to join her husband who is working in Nebraska as psychiatrist for the state.

Ora Barkan

Dietary Tidbits

Wedding bells will ring for **Ann Dickson** of Baker kitchen in July.

"Mike" Garoian of White kitchen and **Arthur Silva** of the dishroom both had accidents which kept them off duty. They are now back at their jobs, we are happy to report.

We wish a speedy recovery to **Leo Trainor** of the Food Store.

Florence MacKinnon is back cashiering in East and Nurses' Cafeteria, after weeks spent with her right arm in a cast.

Marie DeMonte is now a counterwoman in the Nurses' Cafeteria. Marie was formerly a floor server in the White building.

Jim Homer, cook in the White kitchen, has a new baby son. There is a boy and a girl now in Jim's happy family.

Mrs. Blanche Razey of the salad room has a new granddaughter. **Helen McNamara** of East Cafeteria has a new grandson. **Harriet Thomas** of the White kitchen has another grandson and so has **Mrs. Madeline O'Meara** of East Cafeteria.

Rose Guarino of Ward 4 hopes to visit her family in Europe on her vacation this summer.

Jeanne Picciuolo, who did vacation relief in Vincent as a diet aide, is back with us again this year.

Our sympathy to **Charles Kavanaugh** of East Cafeteria on the death of his father.

The following people have recently completed the Work Simplification course:

Mrs. Esther Berthiaume, diet aide on Ward B4; **Mrs. Zoe Brown** of our salad room; **Mrs. Marilyn Isch,** B.M. staff; **Miss Germaine Jensen,** dietitian of Vincent-Burnham, **Miss Carma McDermott,** cafeteria staff, **Mrs. Elizabeth Nelson,** Vincent-Burnham diet aide and **Mrs. Anita Stonecypher,** White building staff.

Frances S. Harvey

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MEDICAL SCIENCE BUILDING NEARS COMPLETION

The Medical Science Building, under construction since November 1954, will be ready for occupancy starting the middle of July. Departments which will be housed in the new erection are pathology, dermatology, neurology and psychiatry.

The structure, originally planned for five stories with provisions for expansion in the future, now has twelve floors. On the first and second floors it has a connecting corridor to Phillips House, Baker Memorial and the White Building.

The Medical Science Building, shown above as drawn by the architect, will be ready for occupancy after the middle of July.

Dr. Aub Retires As Director Of Huntington Labs

Dr. Joseph C. Aub, Director of the Medical Laboratories of the Collis P. Huntington Memorial Hospital, was honored at a reception June 22 in the Medical Science Building. Having held this position since 1941, Dr. Aub will retire June 30.

Dr. Aub's association with M.G.H. began in 1916 when he joined the metabolism group as a medical resident. He will continue his work at M.G.H. with quarters in the Medical Science Building. Dr. Aub is a professor of research medicine, and chairman of that department at Harvard Medical School.

In presenting a portrait of Dr. Aub to the hospital, Mr. Phillips Ketchum, President of the Corporation, praised Dr. Aub for his outstanding characteristics: 1) eminence in his profession far beyond that which others are able to achieve, 2) courtesy and true tact which made him loved by all, and 3) nobleness and generosity of soul. Other speakers were Dr. Dean A. Clark, General Director; Mr. Francis C. Gray, Chairman of the Board of Trustees; Dean George P. Berry of the Harvard Medical School and Dr. James H. Mean of the Board of Consultation.

Doctor of Science Degree

Dr. Aub's most recent honor was the presentation of an honorary Doctor of Science degree by the Jeffer-

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Miss Hernan Heads Retail Credit Grantors

Miss Frances Hernan, credit manager at M.G.H., was elected president of the Retail Credit Grantors of New England and Eastern Canada at their thirty-fifth annual conference held recently in Springfield. She is the first woman to be elected to this position.

Miss Hernan is a past president of the Retail Credit Association of Boston, of the Hospital Credit Association of New England, and of the American Hospital Accountants Association, Massachusetts Chapter. She is a director of the National Retail Credit Association and was a delegate to the International Consumer Credit Conference June 16 to 21.

YOUR PLANS FOR TOMORROW DEPEND ON YOUR SAFETY TODAY

School of Nursing Graduates 109

The M.G.H. School of Nursing graduated 109 nurses in the diploma and degree programs at the commencement exercises at John Hancock Hall on June 15 at 3:00 o'clock. Mr. Lloyd D. Brace, Trustee of the hospital and a member of the Trustee's Committee to the School of Nursing and Nursing Service, presided at the ceremonies and awarded the diplomas.

Reverend Howard Thurman, D.D., Dean of Marsh Chapel, Boston University, delivered the commencement address.

Miss Ruth Sleeper, Director of the School of Nursing and Nursing Service, presented a report of the school.

Following the exercises a reception on the Bulfinch Lawn was given by the Nurses Alumnae Association for

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A Salute to the Arts Festival

For the fifth consecutive year the Boston Arts Festival has attracted thousands of people to the Boston Public Garden. These people—from Boston, its surrounding communities, and various parts of the country—have attended without charge exhibitions of contemporary painting, sculpture, crafts and architecture, and performances of drama, opera, dance, music and poetry.

We salute the group of citizens who, in an attempt to reach many, have succeeded, not only in reaching hundreds of thousands, but also in carrying on the cultural tradition for which Boston is so well noted. Similar groups are sprouting up across the country. Furthermore, inquiries for launching a festival of this type have come from Haifa, Hong Kong and Puerto Rico as well as from many of our own large cities.

Initially, the festival was a four-day affair; this year groups flooded the Boston Public Garden for three weeks. Each year a little more has been added to the festival. This year water colors by fifty artists from all over the country were exhibited. There were demonstrations of several crafts. The greatest first was the appearance of the New York City Ballet.

The success of the Boston Arts Festival is a credit to the small group of individuals who conceived the idea and to the thousands of others who have supported it. Without a doubt, the Arts Festival has become an integral part of Boston.

Dr. Joseph C. Aub, director of the Huntington Medical Laboratories, retires June 30.

DR. AUB

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son Medical College, Philadelphia, at its commencement exercises on June 15.

Many times Dr. Aub has been cited for his contributions to cancer research and for the training of young scientists to carry on cancer research. His work has had great impact in other countries as well. In 1946, Dr. Aub joined a three-month teaching mission in Czechoslovakia whose purpose was to acquaint Czechoslovakian medical men with the advances in American medicine during the time the Czechs were cut off by a seven-year Nazi occupation. The Czechoslovakian government presented Dr. Aub with the Order of White Lion.

In 1953 Dr. Aub and fourteen other distinguished scientists participated in a similar mission in India.

Check Earnings With Social Security

The district office of the Social Security Administration advises individuals to check their earnings recorded in their old-age and survivors insurance.

This service, provided free of charge by Social Security, is available to everyone. A special card may be obtained in the Personnel Department. Merely by filling in your name, address and social security number, you may secure a statement of your Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Account for the past five years.

It is important to you to have the amount—that which is recorded by your employer—check with your own records. If the amounts do not check, you should report it to your Social Security District Office. It is suggested that you repeat this procedure every five years.

GRADUATION

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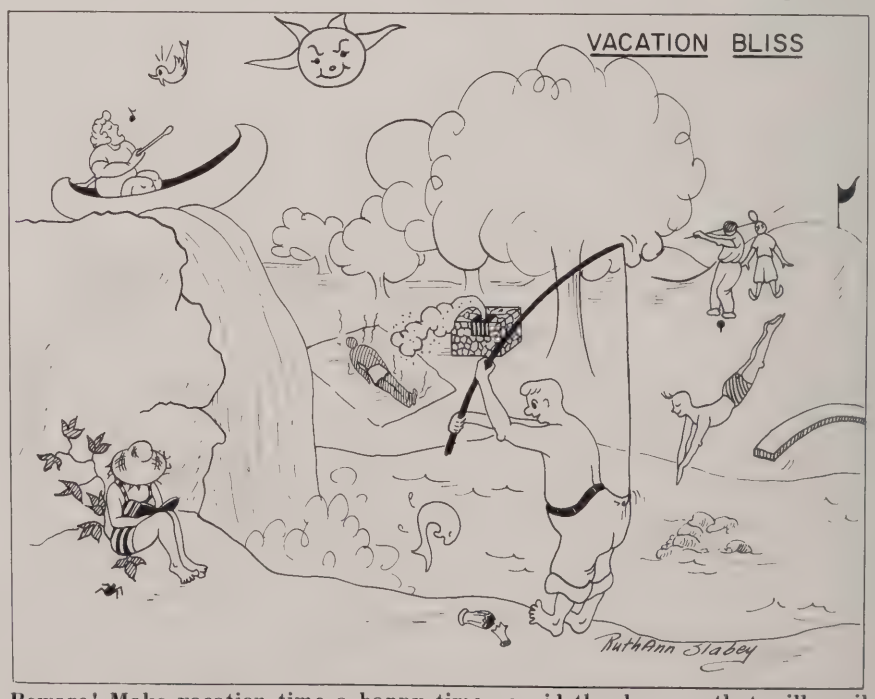
the graduates, their families and their friends.

The commencement exercises brought to a close a week of graduation activities which included the senior formal at the Hotel Kenmore and the Baccalaureate Services at Trinity Church.

The officers of the class are Georgiana Kachadorian, president; Joan Monaghan, vice-president; Barbara Scharrett, secretary; and Barbara Czechowski, treasurer.

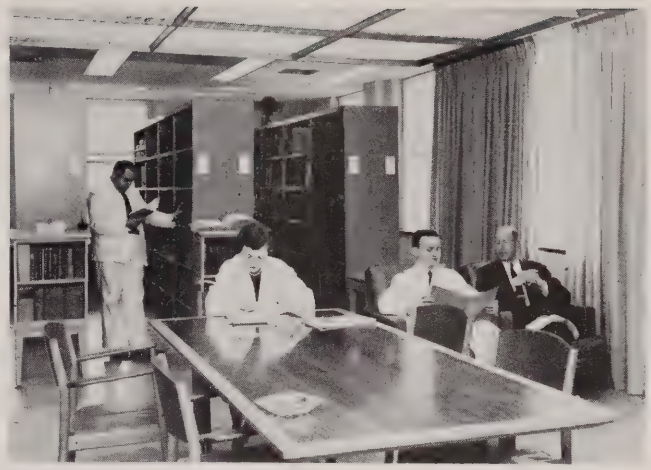
HAVE YOU HEARD . . .

One of every sixty of the nation's workers is employed in a hospital.



Beware! Make vacation time a happy time—avoid the dangers that will spoil pleasant memories.

New England's only virus laboratory concentrating on mankind's most prevalent ailment, the common cold, is located in the new Research Wing of the Eye and Ear Infirmary. Photographed are Dr. Robert Gohd, studying tissue cultures, and Mrs. Martha Wittels.



The general reading room of the Howe Library of Ophthamology, one of the two libraries sharing the fourth floor of the new Research Wing of the Eye and Ear Infirmary. Out of view are the special study rooms.

EYE AND EAR RESEARCH WING DEDICATED

By ELAINE STEIN

The new Research Wing of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary was dedicated at an open house celebration on May 21. Among those present were staff members, board members, personnel and special guests.

The wing, completed this spring after two years of construction, has increased the area of the Infirmary by approximately 21,000 square feet at an approximate cost of a $1,000,000. The erection of the three-floor addition to the Clinics of M.G.H. and M.E.E.I. marks the first time in the Infirmary's history that research projects have been located in a specially constructed section.

Within the last decade, medical research at the Infirmary has played a vital role in advancing the treatment of diseases connected with blindness and deafness. Since the establishment of the Howe Laboratory of Ophthalmology in 1928, research had progressed so rapidly that the laboratories were constantly changing their locations from basement rooms to ward areas in search for more adequate space. To further the inconvenience of the research staff, these laboratories were separated from the clinics and operating rooms. Larger quarters and better working facilities were necessary if the laboratories were to continue their extended program for experimental study.

Research Under One Roof

The various research laboratories, now housed in one area, can boast of new modern quarters, fully equipped with piped distilled water, gas, compressed air and suction, modern stainless steel sinks, cabinets and benches.

A feature of the morning program at the open house was the dedication exercises of four name laboratories: the William Alexander MacLeod Laboratory, a family memorial gift; the Retina Service Laboratory, equipped by the Boston Aid to the Blind; the Adolph Ehrlich Pathology Laboratory, a memorial gift from the Ehrlich family, and the Henry Whittier Porter Bacteriology Laboratory, in memory of the late Henry W. Porter of the Infirmary's Board of Managers.

Explanatory Charts

Instead of guided tours, each guest was given a printed copy of the floor plan and was allowed the freedom of investigating and observing the laboratories according to his own interests. Under the direction of Dr. David Cogan, the Howe Laboratory of Ophthalmology, now occupying the entire fifth floor area, contained explanatory charts and drawings showing fat metabolism of the eye.

A unique feature was the exhibition of Dr. David Donaldson's realistic stereophotographs—three dimensional color slides depicting various sections of the eye. Among the slides of particular interest were those concerning Dr. Morton Grant's study of glaucoma, one of the most common causes of permanent blindness.

Guest Speakers

A more formal program with guest speakers highlighted the afternoon's activities. Assembled in the Eye Clinic, the guests heard President James Killian, Jr. of M.I.T.; Dean George Packer Berry of the Harvard Medical School; Mr. Henry Hixon Meyer, President of the Board of Managers; and Mr. Francis S. Hill, Director of the Infirmary.

Included in the Research Wing are two "floating" rooms, designed especially for research on hearing. Each of these rooms is suspended within larger control rooms by means of rubber shock mounts and air. One of the rooms is the Hearing Test Laboratory, associated with the Winthrop Foundation; and the other is known as the Cochlear Potential Laboratory which works in conjunction with the study on micro-circulation.

Study of Common Cold

Another lab that attracted special interest was the Virus Laboratory, established in 1952 with Dr. Robert Gohd as investigator. This is one of the few laboratories in the country studying the causes of man's most prevalent enemy—the common cold. In connection with their display, Mrs. Martha Wittels, technician, explained the process of embryo changes in chicken eggs due to the grafting of virus tissues. Each stage in the chicken's development represents one step further toward detecting the causes of this infectious disease.

In time for the celebration was the opening of the new modern front entrance on Charles Street. It has a curved stairway, and a one-floor elevator to provide greater safety and convenience for patients. Extending onto the sidewalk is a large glass enclosure which may be entered from either direction.

Dr. Clark President-Elect of State Hospital Association

Dr. Dean A. Clark, General Director of M.G.H. was recently named president-elect of the Massachusetts Hospital Association at its annual meeting.

In honor of her thirty-three years at M.G.H., Miss Mathilda Wagner, in center wearing dark dress and corsage, was given a farewell tea by her many friends and associates.

Miss Wagner Assumes New Position

Miss Mathilda Wagner, assistant purchasing agent of M.G.H. for many years, was honored at a tea in the East Cafeteria on June 1. She resigned to assume a position with Dr. Paul D. White.

Miss Wagner has been with the hospital since 1922.

Greatly Appreciated

To my many friends and associates:

Thank you one and all for the wonderful party and gift you gave me. . . .

My beautiful watch will be a constant reminder that as time passes, friendship and love will always remain.

Sincerely,
Mathilda May Wagner

Volunteers Needed For Patient Feeding

The Volunteer Department, in initiating a patient feeding program at M.G.H. several months ago, has filled a vital need.

However, many volunteers are still needed to help feed patients on White 9 and in the Burnham Memorial for Children at lunch time.

If you would like to participate in this program, and have about thirty free minutes between 11:45 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., please call the Volunteer Department at extension 2157.

Medical or Surgical?

"Trying to establish criteria for determining the need for voluntary service brings to my mind the conversation of our two six-year old pediatric patients. They were much engrossed in their toys, however, Johnny's wrinkled brow evidenced confusion surging within his mind. Johnny turned to Dickie and asked,

'Are you medical or surgical?'

'I dunno,' came a disinterested answer.

However, Johnny decided to clarify his point.

'Well, Dickie, it's like this. If you were sick when you came, you're medical, but if they made you sick after you came, you're surgical.'

(Told at the Institute on Hospital Volunteer Service by Sister Gregory, Administrator, Resurrection Hospital, Chicago, Illinois.)

Two Graduate School Of Medical Illustration

Graduation dinner and exercises for Miss Ruth Ann Slabey and Mr. Jack Diner were held at the Harvard Faculty Club Friday evening, June 15.

Miss Slabey has accepted a position at the V. A. Psychiatric Hospital in Pittsburgh as chief medical illustrator. Before entering the School of Medical Illustration, Miss Slabey has studied one year of nursing, and three years at the Boston Museum School of Fine Arts.

Mr. Diner entered the school from Brooklyn College and the Brooklyn Museum Art School. Mr. Diner and his wife, Dr. Wilma Canada Diner, will leave for Little Rock, Arkansas, where he will be chief medical illustrator for the University of Arkansas Medical Center.

Chaplain To Head Two Council Of Church Departments

Rev. James H. Burns, Protestant chaplain at M.G.H., has been named to head two departments of the Massachusetts Council of Churches.

On September 1 he will succeed Rev. Judson Howard as head of the Departments of Social Relations and Pastoral Services.

Rev. Burns was ordained for the Baptist ministry in 1937. He is an instructor at Boston University School of Theology, and directs the Summer School of Pastoral Care at M.G.H. He is also chaplain of the McLean Hospital.

Rev. Burns has been chaplain at Western Maine Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Hebron Academy, Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. Sanatorium, Gould Farm and Norfolk Prison Colony.

Payroll Savings Solution For Many

Since a payroll savings plan was initiated at M.G.H. September 1, 1954, many employees have taken advantage of the plan.

Approximately 150 individuals have been able to have a set amount deducted from their pay checks each week and put in a savings account at the Boston Five Cents Savings Bank. Interest on these savings is at the rate of three per cent.

The weekly amounts which people save vary considerably. Some individuals save the minimum amount of $1.00 while others — in most cases where two in a family are working —save as much as $25.00 a week.

Anyone interested in joining the payroll savings plan may sign up any Thursday or Friday in the Payroll Department on Baker 2.

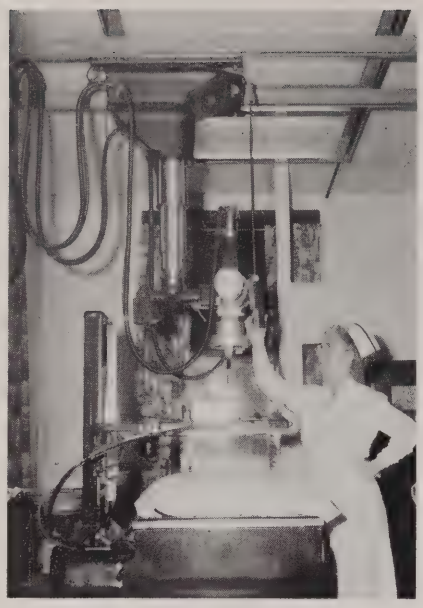
Medical records administration students who completed their year of study at the M.G.H. School of Medical Record Librarians June 1 are, left to right: Martha Negus, Constance Markert, Sandra Schor and Ruth Hayward. Miss Markert and Miss Hayward will remain with M.G.H.

ALLEY TALLIES

After a gallant uphill battle through the latter part of the season, an underdog Accounting team ended the bowling season by winning the second half and then went to take the playoffs for the championship with a decisive victory over the highly touted Pharmacy team. It was a case where Accounting excelled on "strikes and spares" and all that Pharmacy could do was to get "splits."

It was a brilliant team effort by Accounting which broke a few records in the playoffs that aren't recorded in the final standings. They were led by the big three of John Mendes, Captain Ernie Zunino and Connie Sergott, who bowled 336, 321 and 305, respectively. They were given an able assist from John Baxivonus and John MacSweeney. John Mendes has been the so-called spark plug of this team. Ernie and Connie have been top bowlers all season and the three men virtually exploded to end up with a record high team total.

The Pharmacy team, one of the stronger teams of the league, was expected to overpower everyone, especially as they were the first half champions. Captain Russ Gasdia, Pete Antonino, Dave Catalano, Frank McNeil and Tony Caimpa make up this team and deserve a tip of the hat for making Pharmacy second best.



Miss Anne Lynch demonstrates the facility with which the x-ray tube of the new machine in Phillips House is adjusted.

There were many exciting nights before the curtain came down for the season. Since the bowling alleys were near the hospital, the attendance was excellent, and the competition great. So outstanding was the individual race between Johnny Murphy and Joe St. Pierre for the high average, that it wasn't decided until the final night. Johnny bowled well all year long and picked the right time to go into first place with a 95 to Joe's 94. Joe, who has been the top bowler for many seasons, deserves a pat on the back for his fine record.

At the close of the season, the annual bowling banquet was held May 19 at the Metropolitan Caterers Hall, Brighton. At this time trophies were presented to each member of the champion Accounting team, Johnny Murphy for high singles with 139 and George MacKinnon for high three strings with 333. George finished in third place with a 93 average and did his best to keep his team (Plumbing) in competition. Tony Ciampa of the Pharmacy team was awarded the handicap bowling award by the management of the Bowdoin Square Bowling Alleys.

For the third consecutive year, the same officers have been re-elected. They are Ralph Cluff, president; Mal McLean, vice-president; George Boyce, secretary; and Connie Sergott, treasurer. Since the league has made arrangements to bowl again at the Bowdoin Square Bowling Alleys on Cambridge Street, it is hoped that anyone interested in the fall will get in touch with Ralph Cluff at the Print Shop or Jane Scourtis in Personnel.

George Boyce

Members of the champion Accounting team who were presented trophies at the annual bowling banquet May 19 are, left to right: (standing) John Baxivonus and Conrad Sergott and (seated) John Mendes, Ernest Zunino and John MacSweeney.

X-Ray Adds New Machine

Included in the recent physical changes of Phillips House X-ray was the installation of a new x-ray machine, bringing the total to two.

The equipment is conventional with one major exception: the x-ray tube is suspended from the ceiling instead of being on a ceiling-floor stand. A pendant switch, always within easy reach at a fixed height, controls the travel of the tube. Because the tube "floats" free in space, the x-ray beam may be directed at any vertical, horizontal or oblique angle within its spatial boundaries.

Another advantage of this set-up is that stretcher-borne patients may be maneuvered onto the table from either side since the floor is completely clear.

Nantasket or Provincetown Your Goal?

If you plan to take a short cruise for a day or week-end to Nantasket or Provincetown, drop in at the Personnel Department before you leave.

The Wilson Line, located at Rowes Wharf in Boston, offers M.G.H. employees special rates of fare with the presentation of a discount slip which is available in Personnel. The discount may be used for your family, also. Furthermore, you may take the trip on a week-day, Sunday or holiday.

Check With Personnel Before You Buy—Many Discount Cards Available

ABOUT FOLKS

Crime Wave At M.G.H.

Night hides many crimes throughout the world, and M.G.H. got a share of crime last month. One of our night cleaners was working late one night last month. When he reached behind a bookcase to dust a window ledge, he felt a slight stinging pain at the base of his thumb. On examination, he discovered that someone had left a scalpel on the window ledge, and he had slashed his thumb on it. He was treated immediately at the Emergency Ward and received stitches on the wound.

The crime in this story? This man was married and had four children. His "accident" kept him from earning power for a period of ten days. AND HE ONLY WORKED PART TIME AT M.G.H.! He worked full time in a machine shop during the day, but his injury kept him from this job also.

Who is guilty of these crimes that endanger the livelihood of your neighbor and his family? YOU are just as much in danger. No matter how slight the offence, whether it's leaving a scapel on a concealed window ledge, or dropping glass into a laundry receptacle, or even spilling a liquid on the floor where someone might slip on it, every act of negligence is a crime against you and your co-worker. And you and your co-worker are the only ones capable of stopping it! Protect yourself, and you'll protect your family.

Paul F. Vail
Secretary, Safety Committee

Dietary Tidbits

Wedding bells have sounded recently for **Winifred McDermott**, White diet aide, and **Hilda Irving**, Vincent-Burnham diet aide. They are now Mrs. Frank Coppola and Mrs. George Chappell, respectively.

Charles Kavanaugh of East Cafeteria is proud of his son who graduated from high school this month with honors for his excellence in scholarship.

Frances Harvey

White Nursing

Miss Ann Cahill, supervisor of the O.R.; **Miss Alberta Libby**, O.R.; and **Miss Cecile Littlefield**, formerly of E.W. recently returned from a seven-week tour of England, Ireland and Scotland.

Mrs. Leslie Schuster Ryan, a recent bride and formerly of White O.R., has left to take up residency in California.

Miss Marie Brodeur and **Mrs. Santina Perez**, staff nurses; and **Joseph Leader**, **Robert Blair** and **Samuel Thomas**, aides; are welcomed to the O.R.

Those transferred from the dissolved Solution Room are: **Mrs. Ethel Anderson** to Central Supply, **Miss Phyllis Spang** to Baker X-ray and **Miss Louise Mansbridge** to White O.R.

C.S.R. welcomes the following to its staff: **Emily Benander, Eileen Chappell, Marguerite Proctor, Virola Noel** and **Vincent Miscioscia.**

Mr. George McMahon, formerly of White 8, recently retired after thirteen years of service. We wish him luck and happiness.

Mr. Albert Suillie of White X-ray had a problem. His parakeet, Junior, laid an egg, much to Mr. Suillie's surprise. Since then he has renamed the pet Julia.

Miss Sheila O'Leary, former head nurse of White 7, recently became the bride of Mr. Wacceski.

Mr. Don Burnett, aide, spent his vacation in Youngstown, Ohio.

John McCracken

Social Service

Miss Rose Perry, social worker on the Medical Service, recently returned from a short, unexpected trip to Lebanon. In her three weeks abroad, she traveled to Lebanon, Greece, Italy, France and England. Her associates had the opportunity to see her colored slides at the home of **Mrs. Suzanne Deutch.**

A new social worker in the Medical Clinic is **Mrs. Frances Rabban.**

Miss Mary Jean MacLean, secretary in Child Psychiatry, was married to Lloyd Ferguson on June 23.

Recently members of the department enjoyed a wiener roast at Lynn Beach.

Ora Barkan

Accounting

We would like the many people who ask repeatedly about our friend **John Sheehan** that he wishes to be remembered to them and is looking forward to coming back to M.G.H.

Miss Charlotte Matulsky was married to Mr. Meredith Shapiro on June 10. Before she left Baker 2 Accounting, she was given a party at the Vi Cliff Steak House in Danvers. From all sources a good time was had by all.

Miss Belle Marie Foster has joined Patients' Accounts.

Roberta Motta

Chemistry Lab

A farewell dinner was held at the Hi-Da-Way for **Mrs. Val Larsen** and **Miss Ruth Mogensen.** Mrs. Larsen and her husband are returning to the Belgian Congo, and Miss Mogensen will return to Denmark after a tour of the United States.

The welcome mat is out for **Mary Kennedy** who is replacing **Dora Marko** as secretary; **Joseph Cohen** and **George LeMaitre**; Tufts University students who are here for the summer; and **Anne-Lise Petersen** of Denmark.

Congratulations to **Fuad Suleiman** upon his recent marriage to Louise Wailus, R.N.

Jeanne Russell

Housekeeping

A recent import from Ireland has shown a marked flair for his first job in this country. We speak of **Mr. Michael Murray** who is assisting Mr. Vincent Caggiano at Baker Memorial.

Mr. Harry Rossman has replaced Mr. John Doherty as supervisor in the White Building.

Edwards Saule is back at work in Baker after a long period of illness and recuperation.

Harry Rossman

Pharmacy

Welcome to **William Ciampa, David Danton** and **Leon Moore.**

We're glad to have **Howard Loring** back at work following his recovery from injuries.

Mrs. Mina Crowley left for Scotland recently and will not return until September. We hope she'll have a nice trip.

Agnes McGovern

Here and There

Miss Janice Bastraw, technician in X-ray, has announced her engagement to Richard Barrows.

Mrs. Doris Bishop, typist in X-ray, wishes to thank everyone for his kindness to her during her recent illness.

Miss Helen Morgan, technician in the Clinics Laboratory, became the bride of Mr. John Mackey on June 27.

It has been brought to our attention that **Danny Lowe** of the Research Animal Farm has had perfect attendance for the past year.

Paul Vail, Workmen's Compensation secretary in Staff Clinic, had a bit part in "The Saint of Bleeker Street" which was presented at the Boston Arts Festival.

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AN OPEN LETTER

Dear Members of the M.G.H. Family:

On October 5 a giant Red Feather flag was raised above the White Building, identifying the Massachusetts General Hospital as one of the 277 Red Feather agencies of Greater Boston that benefits substantially from the Community Fund.

On October 15 the 1957 M.G.H. Red Feather Campaign was launched. I urge you to get behind the hard-working committee and the 350 solicitors in their effort to achieve—or exceed—by October 24 the M.G.H. quota of $9,750, our share toward the total campaign goal of $6,567,000. The M.G.H. quota this year, unlike those of previous years, excludes the Visiting Medical Staff since they are to be solicited separately. This means we need redoubled efforts on the part of the rest of us.

The 1957 M.G.H. Red Feather Campaign Committee is headed by Mr. Joseph W. Degen and Mrs. Soma Weiss, co-chairmen, assisted by four vice-chairmen, Miss Louise Hatch (Gold Division), Dr. John W. Littlefield (Red Division), Miss Ruth Sleep-

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SERVICE PINS AWARDED ON ETHER DAY

Awarded pins on Ether Day for thirty years of service were, left to right (standing): Mr. Thomas Connolly, Mrs. Lyla Flynn, Mr. John Murphy, (seated) Miss Gertrude Devine, Miss Josephine Barbour and Miss Kathleen Galvin. Not present for the photograph were Mr. Edward Hallinan, Mrs. Mary McGuinness and Grantley Taylor, M.D.

At the annual Ether Day Program on October 16 in the Moseley Rotunda, pins were awarded to M.G.H. personnel who have given five, ten, twenty, twenty-five and thirty years of continuous service to the hospital.

The date marked the one hundred and tenth anniversary of the first public demonstration of anesthesia which took place in what is now known as the Ether Dome of the Bulfinch Building.

Guests speakers on the program were Mr. Ralph Lowell, who offered

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Identifying M.G.H. as a Red Feather organization by raising a flag on top of the White Building October 5 were, left to right: Mr. Joseph W. Lund, general chairman of the Greater Boston Red Feather Campaign; Dr. Dean A. Clark, General Director; Mr. David Crockett, associate director for resources and development; and Miss Constance Holleran, staff nurse.

Blue Cross Drive Ends October 19

The annual Blue Cross-Blue Shield reopening, during which time employees may become members or make adjustments of present plans, ends on Friday, October 19.

Representatives from Blue Cross-Blue Shield will be in the White Lobby

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Consideration For All

We at M.G.H. have the advantage of the lovely Bulfinch Lawn on which we may be sunworshippers, conversationalists and lunchers.

This past summer has seen many people attracted to the lawn for a few moments of relaxation in the midst of a busy day. We are grateful for the restoration and beautification of the Bulfinch Lawn in 1953. During the previous three years of construction of Bartlett Hall and the Research Building it had been used as a parking lot.

As with all privileges, there are responsibilities. Let's keep it free of litter and orderly in our relaxed positions. Our responsibilities are many: consideration first for the patients, their families and friends, and secondly to our fellow workers; pride in the appearance of this especially delightful spot in the midst of a crowded city; and realization of the many visitors from far and near who visit the hospital and carry away impressions of what they see, whether it be the buildings, the people or the grounds.

A Fond Adieu

With this issue of **The World** your editor sadly says "goodbye."

It is my hope that in reading the paper you may have had a fraction of the fun which I have had in editing it. This, of course, does not mean that every moment went smoothly.

My thanks to you as readers, contributors and friends. I know that my successor will enjoy working with you as much as I have.

Don't Stay in the Dark

With the presidential election on November 6, over a million and a half Americans will have the opportunity to go to the polls to vote for the men they wish to have represent them. This is an inalienable right of all Americans, yet it is discouraging to note that in 1952 — a presidential election year — about 63 million citizens of the United States actually cast a vote. And yet is must be remembered that a record was broken with this vote — the highest in our history. An even smaller percentage voted during the 1954 elections.

In this day of mass media, there is no reason for individuals to ignore their responsibility. If one does not wish to read, he may turn on the radio or television. TV has made it possible for the candidates to the various offices to step into our home and talk to us.

But it is up to us to listen and to digest the facts which are presented to us. And what about these facts? Do you know the issues? Study the men, their records, and what they represent. Furthermore, listen to both sides and choose for yourself — not for your family and your friends.

Take advantage of your rights and assume the responsibility which is yours. Listen to all sides and go to the polls informed on November 6. Don't let yourself down. Don't stay in the dark.

AN OPEN LETTER

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er (Blue Division), and Miss Miriam Huggard (Displays).

It has been truly said "Our eyes see and our hearts tell us that many of our neighbors need assistance, and we are aware that there are thousands more in need whom we cannot reach personally." Surely we who work in a hospital know this to be true. We also know that we can help these people through the United Community Fund. I urge you to give to the 1957 Red Feather Campaign — to give thoughtfully and generously.

DEAN A. CLARK, M.D.
General Director

Greater Social Security Benefits

Some important changes have been made in the old-age and survivors insurance program as a result of the Social Security Amendments of 1956 which President Eisenhower signed into law on August 1.

Effective in November, benefits will become payable to women when they reach age 62. Survivors benefits for widows with no children under 18, and, in certain cases, mothers of deceased workers will start with a payment for November which will be received early in December. The amount of the monthly payment will be the same that they would have started getting at age 65 under the old law.

Beginning with November 1956, retired insured women workers and wives of retired insured workers can start getting benefit payments at age 62. In these cases, the amount of the payment will be somewhat less than the amount that would have been payable at age 65 under the old law.

A change has been made in the total disability provision in the law. While the "disability freeze" provision which protects the social security insurance rights of workers is continued, monthly cash benefit payments beginning with July 1957, will be made to totally disabled workers when they reach age 50.

Beginning with January 1957 monthly benefits will be payable to a disabled unmarried child, even after the child has reached age 18, if the child was disabled before he reached 18 and is the dependent child of a retired or deceased parent, step-parent, or adopting parent who is eligible for old-age insurance benefits under social security, or was insured for the purpose of survivors benefits at the time of his or her death.

The law, the first dent in the retirement age in the system's 20-year history, will benefit nearly 6,000,000 women, disabled workers and needy persons.

To finance the extra benefits, Social Security payroll taxes for 53,000,000 workers, employers and self-employed persons will be boosted by about $850,000,000 annually starting next January 1.

Medical Records Conducts Transcribing Course

M.G.H., under the auspices of the Medical Records Department, recently has added to its long and varied list of students, twelve girls who are learning medical transcription. Since June 16 these students have been combining theory and practical application in a unique course.

The purpose of the course is to teach the young women, who for the most part possess some secretarial skills, to type into patient records notes which staff members and house officers have dictated.

The students, who use the work simplification room on the first floor of the Clinics for their classroom, are employees of the hospital. According to Miss Mary Converse, director of the Medical Records Department, four of the girls previously had medical secretarial training. Some of the girls had a year of advanced training beyond high school.

Those enrolled in the class are Kathleen Brodie, Octavia Bruce, Helen Carney, Patricia Ellis, Aileen Flanagan, Ina John, Hope Manuel, Sybil Spinney, Bernice Thompson, Fay Thornton and Yvette Winnett. Supervisor of the group is Mr. John Callahan.

During the first two weeks of their course, the young women were taught the expectations of the department and staff members, fundamentals of medical terminology and the proper use of the dictaphone machine. Within two weeks they were taking actual transcription for short periods of time.

After the third month of training, the amount of supervision over the students began to lessen. At the end of six months it will be expected that the students will be able to produce five thousand words per day. Blind typists, generally the most rapid, may type as many as 12 thousand words per day.

The medical transcription students have been fortunate in many respects. They have had the advantage of watching surgery while the procedures were explained to them. Staff members and residents lecture to the group from time to time. Movies of actual medical and surgical procedures are available to them, also.

Chaplain Burns Honored

Chaplain James H. Burns was honored at a farewell coffee party on August 31 in the Baker Lounge.

Rev. Burns' new position which he assumed September 4 is with the Massachusetts Council of Churches as head of the Departments of Pastoral Services and Social Relations.

Dr. John D. Leidholt, assistant in orthopedic surgery, speaks to the student medical transcribers in one of a series of talks by various members of the staff.

SERVICE PINS

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greetings from the Board of Trustees, and Mr. David C. Crockett, associate director for resources and development, whose topic was the newly erected Medical Science Building.

Interest Great in New Building

Following the ceremonies, personnel, their family and friends, were invited to tour the Medical Science Building.

The twelve story structure, although not fully occupied, will house the pathology, neuropathology, dermatology and psychiatry departments. The entire building, from the expansive lobby in which refreshments were served, to the smallest office, has large windows and brightly painted walls. The gleaming new equipment and spacious quarters were greatly admired.

Pins to 216 Individuals

Service pins were awarded to 216 individuals by Dr. Dean A. Clark, General Director.

Thirty year pins were awarded to Miss Josephine Barbour, director of the Social Service Department; Mr. Thomas Connolly, Dietary; Miss Gertrude Devine and Mrs. Lyla Flynn of Administration; Miss Kathleen Galvin, X-ray; Mr. Edward Hallinan, superintendent of equipment; Mrs. Mary McGuinness, Dietary; Mr. John T. Murphy, director of the Pharmacy Department; and Grantley W. Taylor, M.D.

Staff members must be with us for twenty-five years before they receive any service pins. Those who were recipients this year were Allen G. Brailey, M.D.; Harold A. Bratt, D.M.D.; Peter A. Dempsey, D.M.D.; John H. Fay, M.D.; Robert R. Linton, M.D.; Robert G. Rae, M.D.; Horatio Rogers, M.D.; and Maurice M. Tolman, M.D.

Personnel awarded with pins for twenty years of service were Helen Daley, R.N., Catherine Gallagher, Agnes R. Hayes, M. Althea King, Howard G. Loring, Evelyn S. MacLeod, Anthony Martinez and William J. Murphy.

Many Represent M.G.H. At Hospital Convention

M.G.H. was well represented at the 58th annual convention of the American Hospital Association which was held in Chicago September 7 through 20.

Participating in the programs of the convention were:

- Dr. Dean A. Clark, who discussed "Planning for the Field Tests" at a session on "Planning for Disaster."
- Mrs. Oliver Cope, chairman of the coordinating committee under the topic, "Foreign Aid", who described the activities of the Reception Center for Professional Visitors run by the M.G.H. Staff Wives Association. This was a part of the "Project Parade" at the hospital auxiliaries conference.
- Miss Ruth Sleeper, who was one of the speakers at the general session on "Hospital Professional Relations."
- Mrs. Soma Weiss, who conducted an auxiliary round table session on "Auxiliary— Community Relations."

Others from the hospital who attended the convention were Mrs. Floyd H. Blackman, chairman of the Ladies' Visiting Committee; Joseph W. Degen, Frederick D. Foster and E. Michael White, assistant directors; Edward Hallinan, superintendent of equipment; Joseph Hill, director of purchasing; and Daniel Pettengill, administrative resident.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A RESIDENT

Patients, nurses, doctors, students—all fit into a resident's crowded day at M.G.H. With them the resident experiences happiness, tragedy, satisfaction and disappointment. All are part of the constant learning process which the resident steps into the day he begins his appointment.

The resident comes into contact with an endless number of patients. The number, of course, is dependent upon his specialized field of training. Regardless of his specific pursuit, the resident is a figure in continuous motion.

Proof of this rests with your photographer and reporter who have presented on the pages a somewhat abbreviated picture story of a day in the life of a resident. Our resident, Dr. Richard Curtin, although in gynecology, has duties similar to those of many other residents and comparable to the duties of house officers of other services. It is generally agreed that residents, whether here a year or five years, are kept extremely busy throughout their training.

Program of Increasing Responsibility

The residency, through active daily participation, carries with it a program of increasing responsibility. It is extended to the patients, and also to the teaching of junior residents, Harvard medical students and, in many cases, of student nurses.

M.G.H. is closely affilated with the Harvard Medical School. Since all the General Hospital beds are available for undergraduate teaching, the resident staff is in close contact with the undergraduate medical student daily. The care of the ward patient is the province of the resident who throughout his period of training becomes increasingly aware of his responsibility to the patient, staff and hospital. As he gains experience, the resident assists in the care of private patients.

Many Programs for Residents

M.G.H. provides resident programs for approximately 150 young men each year. These individuals have had at least a year of internship here or elsewhere prior to their appointments on our resident staff. The length of time a resident remains here is dependent upon his field and his previous training. For example, a residency in dermatology is of three years' duration. However, the individual may be here a shorter time if he has had, in addition to his internship, training in another hospital.

Today we have fourteen resident programs. All are straight, rather than rotating, service. In other words, the resident in one service remains with the particular service throughout his training. Of necessity, naturally, many programs are closely integrated.

Services which have residents are medicine, dermatology, neurology, psychiatry, children's medicine, surgery, neurosurgery, anesthesia, orthopedics, urology, pathology, neuropathology, radiology and dental. Each service has its individual requirements regarding past experience and the duration of its program. Surgical residents are usually here five years whereas a resident in medicine or pathology is here for one year, with additional training being optional.

It must be kept in mind that the approximate 150 residents of whom we speak are residents, and not interns and fellows.

History Demands Changes

As the hospital grew in size and its reputation spread, medicine became increasingly complex. Naturally the requirements for residents changed also.

It is interesting to note that in 1821, the year in which the first patient was admitted to M.G.H., there was only one house officer. In order to be eligible for the position of apothecary, as he was called, the individual must have completed one year of medical school. He was nominated to the position by the acting physician and acting surgeon.

His duties consisted of caring for all drugs and surgical instruments, administering medicines, and performing duties as ordered by the physician and surgeon. A year later he also purchased drugs, visited patients twice daily, kept records, and handled emergencies in the absence of the surgeon and physician. Room and board were his only compensations.

In 1830 provisions were made for a house surgeon and physician, and the apothecary took care of medicines. However, the prerequisite of one year of medical school was not increased to two years until 1856. And it was not until 1924 that house officers were required to be graduates of medical school.

As medicine becomes more specialized the length of training becomes longer and more complex. Nevertheless, the number of applicants seeking resident appointments at M.G.H. far exceeds the number we are able to accommodate.

The day begins with morning rounds (top).

Preparing for surgery (above).

Part of each morning is spent in the out-patient clinic (right).

Dictating operative notes (center).

Lunch usually is not leisurely (left).

Duties included being on call at various times in the Emergency Ward (above).

Leaving the hospital after a full day (top).

Three countries are represented above as the Exchange Visitor Program commenced October 1. From left to right are Kerstin Lindsberg and Helny Petersson of Sweden; Sigrun Hansen of Norway; Eva Hardenberg, Sweden; Nazec Yacbec, Lebanon; Miriam Huggard, executive assistant; and Ingrid Nykvist, Maud Ek and Marie Puustinen of Sweden. The program is intended for the experienced graduate foreign nurse who wishes to come here to study for six months but who is unable to withdraw sufficient funds to maintain herself when she leaves her country.

Dr. Butler Heads New Council

Dr. Allan M. Butler, chief of the Children's Medical Service, recently was elected president of the National Council on Infant and Child Care, Inc.

The council, an independent and nonprofit organization, was established by seventeen leaders of pediatric medicine from various parts of the country. Dr. Butler was included in the initial group.

N.C.I.C.C.'s purpose is to act as a liaison between the medical field and the general public by providing objective information to organizations concerned with communicating improved infant and child care to the public. Its services will be available to lay persons or physicians writing on medical subjects for newspapers, lay magazines, radio and television.

The council feels that the utilization of modern techniques of communication in disseminating accurate material will encourage the public's interest in medical information, and will thus benefit the public.

New Cobalt Unit

The newest equipment at M.G.H. in the fight against cancer is a "cobalt bomb." This machine, the first of its particular design to be installed in the United States, was set up in the hospital during July.

In essence this apparatus is a new kind of x-ray machine. Its effect is similar to that of a two million volt x-ray machine.

The "bomb's" source of radiation is a half-ounce piece of intensely radioactive cobalt. The radiation output of this small amount, which is a third of an inch long with a smaller diameter than a dime, is as active as two pounds of radium, more than the total amount in use in the entire country. The cobalt is surrounded by a massive protective shield in which there is a single opening of adjustable size.

The equipment, which has a total installed weight of 4500 pounds, is used for rotational therapy of deep cancer.

Staff Wives Resume Concerts

Concerts in the Chapel will be resumed Wednesday, October 24, at 3:00 p.m. when the Staff Wives Music Committee will open its fifth season.

Performing for the first concert will be Mrs. Anne Talbot, mezzo soprano and member of the Staff Wives. She will be accompanied by John Woodworth, pianist.

The second concert on November 7 will feature Homer Whitford, organist at McLean Hospital.

Concerts Free to All

The half-hour concerts, discontinued last year during the construction of the new corridor outside the Chapel, are free to patients, visitors and hospital personnel.

The concerts have been planned for every other Wednesday, and will generally be held in the Chapel. However, it is hoped to take the music to the floors where patients are restricted to their beds, and also to the children's floors. These concerts will then replace the regular Chapel concerts.

Volunteer Assistance Needed

Volunteers are needed to take the patients from their rooms to the concerts. Those interested in assisting in this manner should contact Mrs. Daniel Holland at BIgelow 4-3020.

First Aid Course Popular With Personnel

The M.G.H. Red Cross First Aid Course began October 2 in the Moseley Rotunda with an enrollment of thirty-two. The 18-hour course is conducted by Mr. Clinton L. Pendleton, safety engineer of the New England Power Company, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday evenings during the month of October.

As we go to press, the following are enrolled in the class: Nancy Blanchard, R.N., Charlotte Brown, R.N. and Marie Cerra, R.N., of Bulfinch Nursing; Joanne Blyler, R.N., and Henrietta Golec, R.N., of the School of Nursing; Mary Cahir of Administration; Bernice Clark, R.N., and Ada Plumer, R.N., of Blood Bank; Mrs. Constance Cox of Community Fund; Jean Fairgrieve of Child Psychiatry; Mary Flannery and Marilyn Thayer, student nurses; Robert Hansen of White X-ray; Emma Jacklin, L.P.N., Joan Kittredge, R.N., Diana Koury, R.N., Janet Meserve, R.N., George Shields, Mrs. Veronica Sison, R.N., Adele Ventresca, L.P.N., and Andrea Whelpley, L.P.N., of Baker Nursing; Madeline Kearney, R.N., of the Phillips House Operating Room; Catherine Mitchell of Psychiatry; Elizabeth MacDougall, Maud Murphy and Mrs. Carrie Tarbox of Vincent-Burnham Nursing; Roxie Nanian, Dorothy Rock, R.N., Jane Sargent, and Ruth Sorge, R.N., of the Baker Operating Room; Irene O'Leary, R.N., of White Nursing and Vincenza Tortorici of Medical Records.

Graduation exercises and a demonstration of the skills that were acquired in the course will be held on Thursday, November 1, at 6:00 p.m. At that time Mr. E. Forest Hallet, Director, First Aid and Accident Prevention, Boston Metropolitan Chapter of the American Red Cross, will award certificates to the graduates.

The course will be given again in January for the benefit of those who were not able to be included in the present class. Of necessity the enrollment had to be limited.

New Officers For Ladies' Visiting Committee

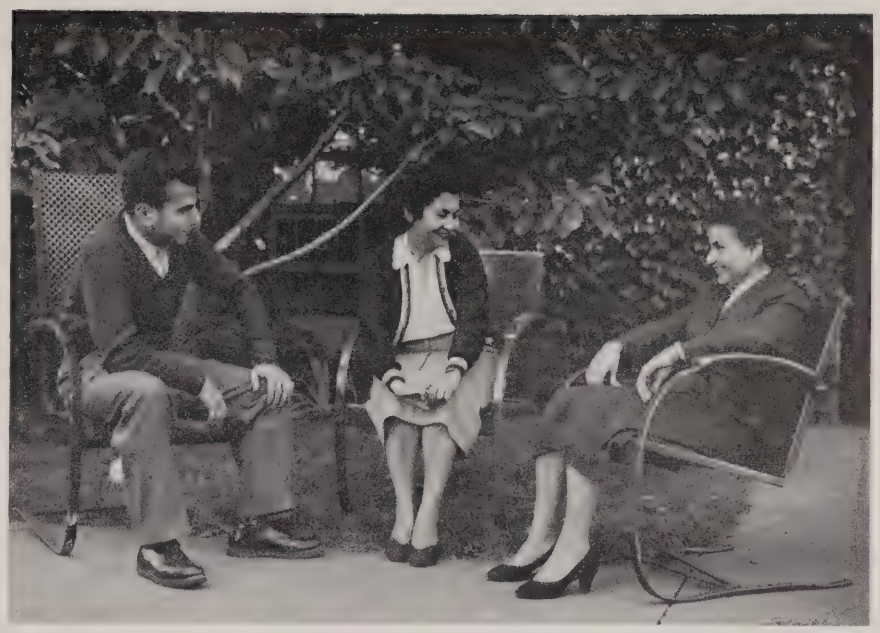
New officers of the Ladies' Visiting Committee who assumed their positions in October are Mrs. Floyd Blackman, chairman; Mrs. Reginald Jenney, vice-chairman; Mrs. Morrill Wiggin, treasurer; Mrs. James Thayer Addison, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Walter Tobey, recording secretary.

Among their varied activities, members of the Ladies' Visiting Committee visit patients and sponsor the General Store.

Family Of Three Working At M.G.H.

From the small principality of Kuwait on the northwestern coast of the Persian Gulf have come three of our newest employees. Although their home was originally in Palestine, Miss Wardeh Ibrahim, her niece, Laila, and her nephew, Ghazi, arrived to the United States on September 9 after living in the Arabic sheikhdom for five years.

In 1948, during the uprisings between the Arabs and Jews in Israel, the Ibrahims, including Laila's and Ghazi's parents, brothers and sisters, fled from their home in Jaffa to the mountains of Jordan. They remained there three years until Miss Ibrahim felt she would have a better opportunity elsewhere. Stateless as a result of having left Palestine, she turned to Kuwait and took with her Laila and Ghazi.



From faraway Kuwait to M.G.H. have come Miss Wardeh Ibrahim, center, her nephew, Ghazi, and her niece, Laila.

Speak English Fluently

Miss Ibrahim had pursued a secretarial career in Palestine. After her formal training, which included the study of English, she worked as a stenographer in the Supreme Court. As her interest in law increased, she studied law in the evenings until interrupted by the war.

After they reached Kuwait in 1951, Miss Ibrahim secured a position as secretary to the Secretary of the Government of Kuwait. Laila, not having completed school, was taught English and typing by her aunt. She later worked at the Secretariat of Kuwait. Ghazi attended school and also learned English from his aunt. They speak it fluently.

Desired to Live in States

The Ibrahims cannot speak highly enough of Kuwait. Had the climate been milder, they may have been content. However, they found the intense heat of 170 degrees almost unbearable despite air conditioning in most of the buildings. The 130 degree temperature in the shade of this arid country was no consolation.

"We liked Kuwait very much," stated Miss Ibrahim. "The people were very nice and the city of Kuwait, the capital, in which we lived, is very modern."

Rich Oil Country

Kuwait has the advantage of one of the richest proven oil reserves in the world. The Kuwait Oil Company, jointly owned by American and British interests, turns over 50 per cent of its profits to the head of Kuwait's government, Sheikh Adullah Al-Salem Al Sabah. He finances an extensive program of economic and cultural improvement from the oil profits.

This improvement was shared by the Ibrahims, who were provided with a lovely furnished apartment, rent free. Ghazi had free transportation to and from school. He was provided also with lunch, a suit, shirts and shoes, as are all school children in the principality. The only taxes were those on imported goods which were to be sold.

United States Not Strange

Asked if they thought the United States very different from their former homes, the Ibrahims stated that they did not. "We did not have subways as you have. Also, it is so nice to go into the clothing stores and select what we want," smiled Miss Ibrahim. "We ordered our clothes from Sears Roebuck because we did not like what was sold in the stores of Kuwait."

Miss Ibrahim is now a secretary in Social Service and Laila works in Purchasing. Ghazi is a messenger in Dispatch, but hopes to enter medical school in February.

Very grateful to the Phillips Brooks Association for sponsoring them, the Ibrahims agree that Boston and M.G.H. are wonderful—"everyone is so kind."

Recognize the Dates?

October 21, 1879 — First incandescent light exhibted by Thomas Edison in Menlo Park, New Jersey.

October 27, 1834 — First cartoon depicted "Uncle Sam" as personification of the United States.

October 28, 1886 — Statue of Liberty, gift of French people, unveiled in New York.

Will You Help?

More volunteers are needed to feed patients, it was announced recently by Miss Mary Ruth Wolf, director of the Volunteer Department.

This vital service, which has been provided by many volunteers during the past year, is beneficial to patient and nursing staff alike. About thirty minutes are required to feed lunch or supper to a patient.

For further details, contact the Volunteer Department, at extension 2157.

BLUE CROSS

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and near the West Cafeteria on Thursday, October 18 and Friday, October 19 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. They will assist employees in completing applications and adjustment cards and answer any questions.

If you are already a member of Blue Cross-Blue Shield, you may increase your Blue Cross room and board allowance to the $12-a-day plan, or change your Blue Shield from Plan A to Plan B, if Plan B better fits your income.

All new memberships and changes in present memberships will become effective November 10, provided enrollment percentage requirements are met.

If you wish to take advantage of this opportunity, please return the white application card or the yellow adjustment card which you received two weeks ago to Mrs. Dorothy Lundberg in the Personnel Department no later than Friday, October 19.

Check With Personnel Before You Buy—Many Discount Cards Available

ABOUT FOLKS

Laboratories

Two members of the Chemistry Lab, **Miss Jenny Alstrup** and **Miss Aida Gerena**, enjoyed their vacation in Humacao, Puerto Rico. While there they attended the wedding of Aida's sister.

Miss Florence Mellor enjoyed a motor trip to Atlantic City while on vacation.

A new member of the Chemistry Lab is **Miss Anne Edvordsson** of Denmark.

New to the Protein Bound Iodine Lab, which has now joined hands with Chemistry, are **Mrs. Joyce Tan** and **Mrs. Frances Ashodian.**

The welcome mat is also out for **Miss Nancy Gordon,** technician for Dr. Swartz, and **Miss Lubow Burrows,** technician in the Bacteriology Lab.

Jeanne Russell

• Our best wishes to our reporter, Miss Russell, who recently announced her engagement to Louis Baeta.—Ed.

Housekeeping

Mr. Richard J. Aldrich, Jr., formerly associated with New York hospitals, is welcomed aboard for duty as White Building group supervisor.

Mrs. Alva Hawkes, senior office assistant to Mr. William MacNair, joined our department during the summer.

Mr. Sarkis Nordigian, a familiar face of the department, has retired after fifteen years of service to M.G.H.

Mrs. Julia Moody of Bulfinch recently had a happy visit. Her twin sons were home on furlough from the service.

Harry Rossman

Baker Nursing

We would like to welcome the following people to Baker: staff nurses **Florence Dawson, Arlene Eagan, Barbara Haubroe, Ann Henley, Henrietta Jones, Mary Ann Stazinski, Jane Winston, Joan Witam** and **Shirley Wrobel;** licensed practical nurses **Hannah Callahan** and **Ann McEachern;** and floor secretary **Elizabeth Gregg.**

Miss Joan Kittredge, formerly on Baker 4, is now teaching student L.P.N.'s.

Miss Ann Capadano has replaced **Mrs. Martha Pohl** as head nurse on Baker 3. New assistant head nurse is **Miss Barbara Riley.**

Richard Snaith

Nursing

Congratulations and welcome to the following new M.G.H. graduates now staffing these respective floors: **Georgiana Kachadorian,** White 10; **Kay Chester, Barbara Scharrett, Marcia Foster** and **Marilyn Kitching** of White 7; and **Grace Rezendes, Sylvia Davis, Martha Suirth** and **Betty Cronin** of White 5.

We are glad to see **Mr. Wilfred Cloutier** of the Appliance Room back on duty after his long illness.

Miss Stella Frentzos of the White Operating Room is vacationing and visiting her family in Greece.

Mr. Frank Boyle and **Mr. William Bismore** of the White Operating Room are convalescing after surgery.

The following nurses have recently joined the White Operating Room staff: **Misses Marie Dionne, Rosemary Fitzgerald, Phyllis Sargelis** and **Mrs. Melba Fisher.**

Miss Rose Brown, David Curran, Mrs. Rita Curran, Miss Marie Kolf, Miss Lorraine Maloney and **Robert Willis** are new members of the Central Supply Room.

My sincere thanks to all for their sympathy upon the death of my brother.

John McCracken

Pharmacy

Recent new members to the staff are **Fred Tishler** of Clinics Pharmacy, **Louis Pacifico** of the Solution Room, **Robert Chandler,** and **Mrs. Mary Paxinos,** pharmacist.

We're glad to see **Mr. John Webb** back, and we wish him success in his position of assistant to Mr. John Murphy.

Our best wishes to **Miss Thelma Lezberg** who recently became engaged.

Helen Hunnefield of the Solution Room spent one week of her vacation with the **Louis Jeffreys** who formerly worked here. The Jeffreys are the proud parents of a baby girl who was born September 9.

Other proud parents are the **Tony Ciampas,** who recently had a baby girl, and the **Vincent Cavicchis,** who have a new son, Vincent, Jr.

Agnes McGovern

Social Service

Miss Rose Perry of Medical Service became the bride of Dr. John Ruze of Arlington, on October 6.

Miss Jean Rudolfsky of Surgical Service was married September 1 to Mr. Maurice Lipman of Revere.

Mrs. Suzanne Deutsch of Medical Service returned recently from a vacation in Austria.

Several new members have joined the department recently. **Miss La Vay Lau** is the newcomer to the Medical-Pediatric Service. October 1 was the date for two new arrivals — **Miss Gloyne,** formerly an almorer of London, and **Miss Louise Vogt** from Cleveland. **Miss Barbara Willes** joined the Surgical Service during the middle of September. **Miss Anne Turner,** case aide, replaced **Mrs. Julia Busing** who is expecting a baby. **Mrs. Sally Porter** has filled the case aide position formerly occupied by **Miss Joan Brownell.**

Two social workers recently headed west. **Mrs. Janet McClure** left the Medical Service September 14 for a position in California. **Mrs. Helen Smith,** supervisor on the Surgical Service, returned with her husband to their home in Seattle, Washington.

Ora Barkan

Dietary Tidbits

Rose Marshall of Baker is now Mrs. William Collier and **Anne Dickson** of the Baker kitchen is now Mrs. Larsen.

Shirley Jensen has returned to her work as a diet aide in Baker.

Eleanor O'Connor of the White diet kitchen is engaged to be married.

Sam Locke, meat cutter in the Food Store, was recently "Father of the Bride" at his daughter's wedding.

Congratulations to **Joseph Blanchard** of the Food Store upon the birth of his baby son who was born October 9.

Pat Sweeney of the Food Store has a new granddaughter — named Patricia after her proud grandfather.

There has been some unhappiness in the department.

Our sympathy to **Mary McGuinness** of Baker who recently lost her brother.

Mrs. Tom Connolly, our chef's wife, was hospitalized for surgery. She is now home and from all reports, is improving steadily.

Pearl Barter and **Elsie Kress** of the cafeterias have had many weeks of illness. We wish them both a rapid return to good health.

Frances Harvey

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Dr. Zamecnik Heads Huntington Labs

Dr. Paul C. Zamecnik has been appointed Director of the J. Collins Warren Laboratories of the Huntington Memorial Hospital and Collis P. Huntington Professor of Oncologic Medicine in the Faculty of Medicine of Harvard University. He is also Physician on the staff at the M.G.H.

Dr. Paul C. Zamecnik

Dr. Zamecnik succeeds Dr. Joseph C. Aub, who retired last summer from the University and Hospital posts to continue his research and to serve as a Physician on the staff of the M.G.H. and a member of the Board of Consultation.

Since 1910, the Huntington Memorial Hospital and the Warren Laboratories have been at the center of both cancer research and teaching which is concerned with the clinical care of cancer patients at the Harvard Medical School. This hospital-laboratory combination was one of the first of its kind in the United States. For more than twenty years the Hospital and Laboratories were located at Huntington Avenue and Shattuck Street in Boston; however, in 1942 they became a physical part of the M.G.H. and have been located in the new Research Building since 1951.

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THE RED FEATHER CAMPAIGN

On October 15, everyone around the hospital suddenly became very conscious that the Red Feather Drive for 1957 was on. Extra large feathers appeared when members of the dietary department wore them in their hair. A large thermometer, recording the rising "temperature" of the drive, was set up in the White lobby. Badges began to indicate who were solicitors and captains. Miss Miriam Huggard and her committee were responsible for the posters, mobiles, and feathers that appeared at eye-catching spots in corridors and doorways.

Action at Rally

On that same day, a kickoff meeting was held in the Moseley Rotunda with almost 250 in attendance. The group consisted of solicitors, captains, chairmen, and special guests, with Mr. Joseph W. Degen, assistant director, presiding.

Dr. Dean A. Clark introduced the main speaker: Mr. Joseph W. Lund, general chairman of the 1957 United Red Feather Campaign in Greater Boston. Mr. Lund stressed the work of the 277 Red Feather agencies. A film "Crossroads" further highlighted the many activities of these agencies, especially their work in assisting children at crucial periods of their lives.

A drawing was held to select ten people who were guests of the hospital at the first campaign luncheon at headquarters. The following were the lucky winners: Mr. Robert Beadles, Miss Minna Elder, Miss Louise Hatch, Mrs. Lavina Hudson, Dr. John W. Littlefield, Mrs. Mary McGuiness, Miss Doris Rodrigues, Miss Joan Schultz, Mr. Edward Sharp, and Mr. Mark Zanella.

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Idea Wins Award

The Suggestion Committee has awarded twenty-five dollars to Mr. Walter Havey of the Pathology Department for a very bright idea that he proposed to fulfill storage needs in his department.

When the seven upper floors were added to the original plans for the new Medical Science Building, almost all of the storage space allocated to the Pathology Department in the basement of that building had to be sacrificed to various mechanical equipment for the upper floors. Replacement space for valuable specimen storage was sought, and many plans were proposed and discarded due to transportation or other complications. Last summer, Mr. Havey suggested that steel shelves be put along the walls of the corridors in the basement. Through this suggestion about 600 cubic feet will be made available.

Mr. Havey is to be congratulated for contributing his idea which has been accepted and is now being put to use. Construction of the steel shelves is underway in the corridor between the Pathology Department and the nurses' corridor to Thayer House and in other basement hallways.

New Chaplain Arrives

New to the M.G.H. is Chaplain William B. Spofford, Jr., who has taken on the duties of protestant chaplain as of the 15th of October. Chaplain Spofford is returning to the Boston area after several years, and a variety of experiences, in the West.

After graduating from Antioch College and the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge, Chaplain Spof-

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Chaplain William B. Spofford, Jr.

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A Newcomer Looks at The World

Pausing for a moment to get outside and take a look at this, **The World**, we are very proud to be a part of such a newspaper. As a reflection of the M.G.H., it has already helped those of us who are new to the hospital to get acquainted with the many wonderful people who make up this organization.

The newspaper is an integral part of life around the M.G.H. for it has long tradition behind it. In its present form it will be eleven years old in April.

Informative publications at the M.G.H. date back at least to **The Bulletin** of 1913, which contained notes of meetings, appointments, etc. It was discontinued from 1917 to 1919 and then reappeared from 1919 to 1926. 1928 was the year that the first issue of **The News** was published, and it continued to 1932. The present **News** began publication in 1942.

But **The World** must be described as a new development and as a different concept. It is an employees' newspaper, written by employees, for employees, about employees. The editorial board always welcomes your contributions of ideas for stories or articles, your drawings and cartoons, your reports of news and events. New members are also welcome to join the staff.

As Dr. Nathaniel W. Faxon, now Director Emeritus, said in 1946, "By exchanging our thoughts we can make the M.G.H. a better place to work in and provide better care of patients" . . . "no one has a monopoly of good ideas." So why not pass on your ideas by contacting a member of the editorial board, as listed above. It is your contributions to **The World** that make it what it is.

CHAPLAIN SPOFFORD

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ford was rector of the Church of the Good Shepard in Boston and an assistant secretary of diocesan social service. He has also worked for a summer at the Yale University school of alcohol studies and has taken a year of clinical training in Topeka, Kansas. He has a master's degree in social work from the University of Michigan.

Chaplain Spofford comes to us after spending the last seven years in Idaho as director of the Western Extension of the National Town-Country Institute of the Episcopal Church. At the Institute he had the responsibility of training seminarians for service in the smaller communities of this country.

Lexington is the place chosen by Chaplain Spofford and his wife for their home, and they are making plans to settle where there will be lots of play room for their five sons. The oldest is eleven, the triplets are nine, and the youngest boy is six.

At the M.G.H., Chaplain Spofford's duties will take him into many parts of the hospital. During the summers he will again direct the training of young ministerial students. Although much of his time is spent in the wards with the patients, he always welcomes talking with employees and can be found every morning during the week in the chapel for prayer for fifteen minutes or so before 8:30 when he starts on his rounds.

DR. ZAMECNIK

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Dr. Zamecnik is highly regarded not only in research, but also as a teacher and a physician. He was one of the early scientists to use radioactive "tagged" amino acids in the exploration for clues to the differences between normal and abnormal tissue growth.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, Dr. Zamecnik lived there until he completed high school. He then went on to receive the A.B. degree from Dartmouth College in 1933 and the M.D. degree from Harvard Medical School in 1936.

Dr. Zamecnik's interest in M.G.H. began early in his career. While attending Harvard, he worked here as an assistant house officer, known as a "Baker Boy", taking histories and living in the top of the Baker Building. Since then he has held many positions and, in spite of a busy schedule, always has time for students, patients, and others. He is now living on Chestnut Street in Boston with his wife, Mary, and their children: Karen, who is 15; John, age 14; and Betsy, age 10.

Dr. Clark to Speak in Atlantic City

Dr. Dean A. Clark, General Director, will go to Atlantic City for the 84th annual meeting of the American Public Health Association held there from November 12 to 16. On Monday, he will take part in a debate, "Resolved: that the practice of public health is in tune with the times." By lot, Dr. Clark has been chosen to speak in rebuttal. Then on Tuesday, he will be the moderator of a panel discussion on medical care for industrial workers.

Portrait of Dr. Cobb Unveiled

A tea for Dr. Stanley Cobb and his family and friends was held in the medical staff room on October 31 to mark the unveiling of a portrait of Dr. Cobb. The painting is by Charles Hopkinson, an artist well-known to the M.G.H. for his portraits such as the one of Dr. Henry Pickering Walcott which now hangs on the left side of the hall leading to the Trustees' Room.

Dr. Cobb is presently a member of the Board of Consultation and is a consulting psychiatrist at the McLean Hospital. He formerly was Bullard Professor of Neuropathology at the Harvard Medical School and is also known to us as former Chief of the Psychiatric Department at M.G.H. and as a previous Chief of the Hall-Mercer Hospital.

The portrait of Dr. Cobb will appropriately be placed in the Herman Room of the Bulfinch Building, for Dr. Cobb and Dr. Herman were close associates.

RED FEATHER

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Enthusiasm Is Keynote

Several incidents serve to point up the enthusiasm behind the drive. A little six year old girl came with her mother to the Red Feather desk in the White corridor and exchanged her coin for a feather. A woman from Blackfoot, Idaho, stopped to make a donation explaining that her daughter was a patient. And then there was a woman who came back to add considerably to her original donation. She had been talking to a small boy who had been helped in the speech clinic. As one solicitor said, "It's so easy; everyone wants to give."

Enthusiasm has also been a characteristic of the volunteers who are assisting Mrs. Andrew Cox, the campaign secretary. Mrs. Robert Cowan, Mrs. George Cozzens, Mrs. Joseph Degen, and many others have worked continuously to raise the thermometer to the quota mark.

SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF EDUCATION

A Program of the Nursing Service

Celebrating its second year of formal organization, is the Staff Education Program. Education of the nursing staff of the M.G.H. has been a continuing development, but it was not until October, 1954, that it was set up as a separate unit of the Nursing Service.

Ideas Behind Program

The purpose of Staff Education is to help the individual employee of the Nursing Service to meet the nursing needs of patients. With the continuing changes that are taking place in Science and Medicine, training is needed to carry over new developments into the care of the patient. Staff Education is a means of growth for employees.

Staff Education is a many-sided program. Its chief parts are Orientation, On-the-job Training, In-service Development, Exchange Nurses, and the Head Nurses program. It also offers consultative service.

These various activities enable Staff Education to work toward its aim by increasing the availability of educational opportunities, by stimulating the members of the staff to recognize their own educational needs, and by promoting a general understanding of accepted principles of nursing care.

At an orientation session, Miss Sleeper is shown presenting history of the hospital. Around the table, from left to right, are Miss Jeanne Lee, ward helper; Mrs. Agnes Finn, nurses aide; Miss Ruth Sleeper, director of School of Nursing and Nursing Service; Catherine McDowell, R.N.; Theresa Wisdom, L.P.N.; Bridget Shanahan, L.P.N.; Julia Macnamara, R.N.; Arpee Tourian, R.N.; Nancy Benjamin, R.N.; Alberta Bowen, R.N.; Miss Marilyn Harris, secretary; and Mildred Tapper, R.N.

The ward secretaries meet to watch a movie, "The Patient as a Person." In the first row, left to right, are Miss Cullinan, Miss MacDougall, Miss Rodrigues, Mrs. Keith, and Mrs. Walker. Second row: Mrs. Ryan, Miss Bornstein, Miss Elliott, Mrs. Bedugnis, Miss Kapsinow, Mrs. Kapsinow, Mrs. Gregg, Miss DiFronzo, Miss Greenough, Mrs. Harson, Mrs. Sawyer, and Mrs. Eureniy. In the back row are Miss Powers, Mr. Cloutier of Appliance Room, Miss Kelley, Mrs. Selmer, Mrs. Bates, Mrs. Heinemann, Mrs. Hackett, and Miss Holden.

To these ends, advisory and consultative meetings are held, studies are conducted, and educational programs are presented. A closer look at several of these programs will emphasize the role of Staff Education.

Orientation

The Orientation Program is for the new employee (nurse and non-nurse) of the Nursing Service, graduate nurses including the M.G.H. nurse who has been away, the exchange visitor nurse, and the employee returning to work here. All attend a two-week program which includes conferences with department heads and tours through departments such as Pharmacy and Central Supply Room. This program serves as an introduction to the hospital set-up and to the particular job situation. It allows the employee to adjust more quickly to new experiences thereby becoming more effective. It supplies pertinent information about personnel policies, hospital history, regulations, procedures, functions of departments, etc.

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Ward Secretaries

The In-service Plan for ward secretaries consists of a series of conferences held every two weeks. Representatives of departments such as Dispatch, Patient Accounts, the Admitting Office, and other related services are invited to talk with the group. These conferences came about largely at the request of the secretaries because they felt the need of knowing more about the activities of other departments. The role of the ward secretary in working with other areas is shown.

Exchange Nurses

The Exchange Nurses Program has been set up in response to requests from foreign nurses who wish to come to the United States and the M.G.H. to observe and study current nursing and medical practices. Enrollment of foreign nurses in an educational program is based upon individual experience and background, including possible problems with language. She is given an opportunity to attend clinical instruction sessions, rounds of doctors, social service rounds, etc. Field trips are encouraged as well as other off-ward activities such as workshops and conventions.

It is felt that a real contribution toward the improvement of international relations can be made as the aims of the Exchange Nurses Program come to be realized. The M.G.H. makes available its educational opportunities to these foreign visitors, thus providing a chance for every member of the staff to act as a representative of her country working to improve world health.

Members of Staff Education check the schedule. Left to right are Mildred Tapper, R.N.; Muriel Poulin, R.N.; Miss Mary Kelley; and Miriam Huggard, R.N.

On-the-job Training

An On-the-job Training Program teaches hospital aides and ward helpers techniques of nursing care through classroom lectures and demonstrations which are directed at helping these individuals in their particular assignments.

At a meeting of Head Nurses are shown Mrs. Branagan; Miss Cerra; Miss Prior; Mr. Stewart; Mr. Martin, comptroller; Miss Tapper, staff education; Dr. Neumann, executive administrator; Miss Lepper, associate director of Nursing Service; Miss Payne; Miss Huggard; Miss Meserve; and Miss Curry.

Head Nurse Program

The Head Nurse Program is not only for head nurses, but is also for assistant head nurses, and staff nurses interested in administration. Interdepartmental relationships and the principles of supervision are studied along with methods for increasing effectiveness in the use of time and supplies. The responsibility of the head nurse in relation to patients, the public, and members of her staff is stressed. The teaching role of the head nurse is also discussed. The program itself involves group discussions with representatives from all areas of the hospital participating. Members of the administrative staff are invited to speak at the sessions.

The above description gives only a partial view of the multitude of activities of Staff Education. In addition, they have a system of following-up the programs to evaluate their effectiveness. Future programs will evolve from the Staff Education Advisory Committee which is composed of representative members of all Nursing Service groups.

Discount on Books

Would you like to get 10% off on the purchase of medical books and textbooks and 25% off on other books? The Personnel Department has made arrangements with a service in New York which will sell books at these reduced rates. There are mailing charges of 5¢ for each book. Discount cards may be obtained in the personnel office.

ALLEY TALLIES

The Bowling League got off to a rolling start on the 17th of September and has since been gathering momentum. At the middle of the first half, no conclusions can be jumped at, but it does seem safe to say that present competition centers around the drive to stop the powerful Plumbing Team. The Plumbers, lead by Captain Johnny Kwitkor, are being challenged by the close-running Maintenance, A.C. Only, Accounting, and Printing teams; while the Misfits, Pharmacy, and new Dietary teams are promising an exciting season with their rising records.

As a whole, the year's average score for the League is higher than that of any previous year. Men who are either spare or full-time bowlers are invited to join in this competition by calling Ralph Cluff, League President, at 898 or Mrs. Ferrell at 803. Monday from 5:30 to 7:00 is the time, and the Bowdoin Square Alley is the place.

Columbia Professor to Give Workshop

Eleanor Lambertson, R.N., of the faculty of Columbia University, will be at the M.G.H. from November 28 through 30 when the entire nursing staff will participate in a workshop in the nursing team method for care of the patient. Pilot units on Bulfinch 3 and Baker 7 have been successfully using team nursing for over a year. The workshop will give impetus to plans to spread team nursing throughout the hospital wards by further orientating personnel to the method.

In the Warren Library are shown: Lydia Ashmead; Fred Mapplebeck; Mary White; Mrs. Kathleen Sergott, librarian; Mrs. Sara Allen, assistant; and A. O. Driscoll.

The Warren Library for Hospital Personnel and Patients

Do you like to read sea stories? Drop down to the Warren Library in the basement of the Bulfinch building and browse around during a break or lunch. A small fund, to the memory of Captain Charles A. Martell, was left with the specification that the income from it be used for the purchase of sea stories for the library. Money is still being used for that purpose.

Diversified Collection

Maybe you are interested in books on other subjects: mysteries, historical novels, or non-fiction. No one particular type of book is predominant. The collection is carefully selected because of the space allotted. No attempt is made to have medical or technical materials as these are collected in other hospital libraries. Some juvenile books are also available.

With over 4,000 books and with subscriptions to thirty magazines and to two newspapers, the Warren Library is intensely used. Already about one-third of the hospital personnel have taken out cards, and the circulation is about 4,000 books and magazines per month.

Early Origins

The library has its origin, in part, as early as 1841 when Dr. John C. Warren gave funds so that "religious and moral books might be given to M.G.H. patients." In 1904, the hospital organized its patients' library on a lending basis and became, so far as is known, the "first general hospital to establish regular book service to ward patients." Since that time the library has expanded its function and includes employees.

Help Wanted

What do you do with your copies of current magazines after you have finished reading them? You could pass them on to the library where each copy might be read several times as it tours through the wards on a library cart or after it has been placed in one of the waiting areas. Gifts of books are always welcome and are acknowledged by a special plate showing the donor's name.

The hours of the library are:
Monday through Friday
8:30 to 4:30

Mrs. Kathleen Sergott, librarian, reports that the busiest periods are during lunch when people come in to get a few moments diversion and to relax in the comfortable chairs provided.

One Man's Meat is Another Man's Poison — Be Careful!

ABOUT FOLKS

General Nursing

Congratulations are due to the following who recently became engaged: **Kathleen Renehan** of the White operating room. **Norma Carosso** of White 11 is also engaged.

White 5B has a new head nurse; she is the former **Joanne Reynolds**, now Mrs. Joseph Hughes.

We are happy to see **Mr. Frank Boyle** back on duty in the White operating room after his recent operation.

Mr. Hugh Heney of the Appliance Room recently returned from a vacation in New York City, where he made his annual trip to the Maryknoll Monastery in Ossining. He also enjoyed a tour through Washington Irving's homestead in Sunnyside.

Janet Oteiza of the White operating room has left the neurosurgical service and joined the anesthesia department.

The Appliance Room regrets the leaving of **Mr. John Gouliamas.**

John McCracken

Good luck to **Audrey Porter**, secretary in the Vincent-Burnham Nursing Office. She was married to Gerhard Theophele on October 13.

A hearty welcome to **Miss Doris Berry** and **Mrs. Janice Olson**, the residents in nursing service administration for this year.

October 20 was the day chosen by **Nellie Walter**, supervisor in the White building, for her marriage to Fletcher Eaton. Congratulations to both.

Laboratories

Any laboratory personnel may send news articles to **The World** through their reporter, **Jeanne Russell.** Jeanne works in the Chemistry Lab on Domestic 3 and can be reached by sending reports to Box 696.

Blinded Veterans to Give Dance

Frank Hammersley, of Baker X-ray, reports that the first dance of the Blinded Veterans Association of Massachusetts will be held November 21. The Hotel Bradford is the hall chosen for the dance. There will be dancing from 8:00 to 1:00 to the music of Jack Edward's orchestra. Frank is the state president of the association. Entertainment will be provided by **Dr. Paul St. Aubin**, of the Radiology Department, who is in charge of the bagpipers. Tickets may be bought from **Walter Ciampa** and **Peter Antonino** in the Pharmacy, or from **Miss Ritchie** on White 7.

Baker Nursing

We want to welcome to Baker 10, **Ann McCarthy** and **Louise Rigazio**, assistant head nurse.

We hope that most of you got a glance at the newly renovated Baker 7 before it opened. The staff on the floor are **Valerie Payne**, head nurse; **Ann Henley**, assistant head nurse; with staff nurses **Alice Mahoney, Jean Witham, Roberta McNeill**, and **Mary Doherty**. The hospital aides are **Frances Hennessey, Henry Cotton, Cedric Lundberg**, and **Agnes Finn. Beatrice Walker** and **Margaret Powers** are the ward secretaries.

Helen Camrell has transferred from Baker 5 to Baker Lab.

Best wishes to **Jane Cruikshank** upon her recent engagement.

We want to wish good luck to **Marjorie Brock** who left Baker 4 to get married.

And a welcome goes to **Mary James** from the staff on Baker 4.

Dick Snaith

Best wishes to **Dick Snaith** upon his recent marriage to Jane Bogle, former staff nurse on White 8.—Ed.

Pharmacy

Mrs. Leavenworth will leave soon on her vacation. She will spend the Christmas holiday with her daughter in Waterbury, Conn. She will then go to Toledo, Ohio. Have a nice time Ellie.

Mary Mooney is replacing **Thelma Lezberg** who is being married. Best wishes, Mary, on your new assignment.

We wish to extend our congratulations to **Dr. John Murphy, Mr. Howard Loring**, and **Mrs. Helen Hunnefield** on their receiving service pins. Mrs. Hunnefield wishes to thank her fellow employees in the Pharmacy for the lovely corsage they gave her for the Ether Day ceremonies.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to **Mrs. Ann Erickson** whose husband, Robert, passed away recently.

Richard Loring, son of **Howard Loring**, was married October 20 at the Union Methodist Church in Concord.

It is **Vincent Cervizzi** who is the glad father of a new son named for him.

Agnes McGovern

Photography

We are sorry to learn of the death of **Dorothy Garbardi's** mother. We extend our deep sympathy.

International Tea

The recent tea given by the M.G.H. Staff Wives on October 17 at Bartlett Hall was most successful. There were visitors present from fifty-nine different countries, and it was felt that the association of such a remarkably international group was beneficial to all.

Mrs. Daniel S. Ellis, chairman for the occasion, was assisted by Mrs. Robert R. Linton, as vice-chairman. Working with them were Mrs. H. K. Beecher, Mrs. Charles S. Burbank, Mrs. Chester N. Frazier, and Mrs. Claude Welch.

The officers, of the Ladies Visiting Committee, who poured were Mrs. Floyd H. Blackman, Mrs. Reginald Jenny, and Mrs. Morrill Wiggin. The Staff Wives who poured were Mrs. Leland McKittrick and Mrs. Howard Ulfelder. They were assisted by special hostesses for the tea.

Special hostesses for the tea were Mrs. Richard Austin, Mrs. Louis Bakay, Mrs. John Bunker, Mrs. John Cass, Mrs. Charles M. Fisher, Mrs. Benjamin Gill, Mrs. Victor Politano, Mrs. L. L. Robbins, Mrs. R. S. Shaw, Mrs. Bartlett Stone, and Mrs. Jackson Thomas.

Two more social meetings will be held this coming winter. One will be a Morning Coffee on January 15, to be followed by a tea in April. The Staff Wives hope that all will join them in the effort to make our visitors feel at home at the M.G.H.

Celebrating Golden Wedding Anniversary

The family and friends of Mr. and Mrs. John Tobin will join them in celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary on the 17th of November. A Mass will be attended in the Saint Peter's Church in Dorchester at 9:00 A.M. Following the service, there will be a reception.

Mr. Tobin, a carpenter at the M.G.H., has been employed here since September, 1948. He and his family are presently residing in Dorchester.

Mr. Tobin and his wife, Sarah, were married on November 19, 1906. They are now the proud parents of five children. They also can boast of having twenty-three grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Members of the maintenance department and other M.G.H. personnel join in giving best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Tobin.

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Warren Building Dedicated

The medical science building was dedicated on December 3 and has been named the Warren Building "as a tribute to the members of the Warren family for their contributions to the medicine and surgery of the new world." The name is fitting for this building because the work done here will make possible future advances in medical science.

The dedication exercises were held at 2:45 P.M. in the lobby of the new building. Speakers were: Mr. Francis C. Gray, chairman, Board of Trustees; Dr. Edward D. Churchill, chief, Surgical Services; Dr. George Packer Berry, dean, Harvard Medical School; Dr. Dean A. Clark, general director; and Dr. Wilder G. Penfield, director, Montreal Neurological Institute. The Right Reverend Robert Patrick Barry, a member of the Board of Trustees, delivered the invocation.

Dr. Clark spoke on "Meeting the broader horizons of medical care." He noted that the months and years of planning and construction had finally given way to the reality of the

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Candlelight Concert

The Christmas concert of the glee club of the student nurses will be held in the Moseley rotunda on December 17 at 8:15. The concert is a tradition at the hospital. This year the glee club, under the direction of Miss Margot Warner, will present an impressive program of sacred and traditional Christmas music, as well as several unusual numbers.

The students will enter in procession singing an unaccompanied round, "Give us peace", and carrying lighted candles as a symbol of Florence Nightingale.

Miss Barbara Lloyd is the pianist. Violinists to accompany a piece by Bach will be Carol French and Eleanor Bahler, while Penny Perry and Barbara Buckman will play the flute.

The audience will participate in the singing of several of the carols. After the recessional, the glee club will form into smaller groups to sing in the hospital wards.

The Christmas Party

The 1956 M.G.H. Christmas Party will be held on the evening of December 19. All members of the M.G.H. family are invited to come and bring their relatives.

There will be a children's party from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. in the Moseley rotunda with entertainment and Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. There will also be refreshments for the children in the brick corridor.

The party for grownups will begin at 8:00 P.M. with refreshments and music. This will be followed by dancing from 8:30 until midnight to music provided by Herbie Sulkin's orchestra. The variety show will begin at 8:30 P.M. with talent from outside the hospital and promises to be interesting and gay.

Volunteers Honored at Tea

A tea was held to honor the volunteers of the M.G.H. on Thursday afternoon, November 29.

There were over three hundred volunteers present. The Bartlett Hall living room was decorated effectively for the event with Christmas as the theme.

Mr. Richard Wulf, a volunteer, played the piano for entertainment, and refreshments were served. In the reception line were members of administration and of the Board of Trustees.

All volunteer groups and individual volunteers were honored, for their spirit of giving is not limited to the Christmas season, but continues throughout the year.

Mrs. Benjamin Sachs and Mrs. Victor Kazanjian are shown in new shop.

New Gift Shop Opens

In tune with the times is the new Gift Shop of the Eye and Ear Infirmary. The design and layout is very modern, and this along with the bright colors complement the new interior of the rotunda of the Eye and Ear. Mrs. V. H. Kazanjian was responsible for the design of the shop.

Sponsored by the Ladies' Visiting Committee of the infirmary, the shop opened for business on November 19. Mrs. S. A. Sargent and Mrs. Arthur

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Christmas, 1956

The Christmas season is one of those magnificent periods in life which can only be adequately understood and entered into by means of poetry, song and great drama . . . arts which deal with our highest and best emotions and our clearest reason. In his greatest tragedy, "Hamlet", Shakespeare recognizes Christmas thus:

Some say that ever 'gainst that season comes
Wherein our Saviour's birth is celebrated,
The bird of dawning singeth all night long:
And then, they say, no spirit can walk abroad:
The nights are wholesome: then no planets strike,
No fairy takes, nor witch hath power to charm,
So hallow'd and so gracious is the time.

I like this Christmas poem just because it is found in a tragedy. The first Christmas in Bethlehem took place in a period of stress and turmoil, suffering and grief. A stable, no matter how our sympathies have beautified it, could have been no pretty place in which to be born. It was dirty and damp, cold and clammy. Undoubtedly, because it symbolized the tragedy of the world, God chose that spot in which to reveal Himself to the world.

But light shone over it—and in it. A vision of peace, justice and brotherhood settled down on the world that night. Concern, compassion and care entered the hearts of men that night. And so it has been with Christmas ever since. Men of goodwill have looked back on that night as the greatest single fact in human history. It was a night in which a realistic ideal was presented to men.

Our world is still a tragic one. We do not lose sight of this fact this Christmas. But balanced against this tragedy is the reality and promise of Christmas. It is for this reason that we can sing in this season: GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST AND ON EARTH, PEACE, GOODWILL TOWARDS MEN!

Chaplain Wm. B. Spofford, Jr.

Goal Reached

By November 1, personnel at the M.G.H. had reached the quota assigned to them for the 1957 United Red Feather Campaign. This was in time for the second report luncheon held at headquarters for the drive.

The goal of $6,500,000 for Greater Boston was also reached. The M.G.H. family contributed, according to the most recent figures, $10,879.59, which put us over our quota by more than $1,000. This sum was contributed by 2,431 donors including 273 student nurses.

The hospital goal was reached early this year because of the wonderful enthusiasm behind the drive and because of the fine work of solicitors and others.

Social Security Deductions to Increase January 1

Payroll deductions will be increased beginning January 1, 1957, according to the provisions of the amended Social Security Law. The deductions will be increased from 2% to 2 1/4% in order to cover increased benefits. Deductions for this purpose are noted on your paycheck stub under the heading "FICA" which means Federal Insurance Contributions Act.

The deductions will help pay for the three important areas where benefits have been stepped up. Wives of retired workers and working women may now receive reduced benefits at age 62 instead of waiting until age 65 to receive full benefits. Widows and dependent mothers may now receive full benefits at age 62.

Another change is in allowing payments to unmarried disabled children of insured workers even after the child reaches age 18 if he was disabled before his 18th birthday.

The third important area concerns payments to disabled workers. Under the total disability provision, beginning with July, 1957, payments will be made to totally disabled workers when they reach age 50.

These important increases in the benefits available under the Social Security laws were signed into law by the President during the summer.

WARREN BUILDING

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Warren Building. He pointed out the role of employees in this achievement when he cited the vision, cooperation, and generosity of many people, both within and outside the hospital, as making the building possible. He also pointed out that the development from the past must continue into the future. From a single building, the hospital has grown to include more than twenty; but the original objectives remain the same.

After the ceremony, the guests were taken to see the laboratories and work areas.

The James Homer Wright Pathology Laboratories have about two-thirds of the space devoted to hospital service and one-third to research activities. Training of pathologists and service to other hospitals may be extended by the increased working area.

The Edwin S. Webster Research Laboratory, with and electron microscope capable of magnifying up to 200,000 times, is included in this department.

On the second floor, the Tracy Burr Mallory Memorial Library is located. The library is named for a previous chief of pathology and bacteriology.

Diseases of the central nervous system and their treatment will be studied in the Mixter Laboratories for neurosurgical research. Special procedures necessary for diagnosis of disease will be studied in the neurology and neurosurgery laboratories.

In the psychiatric laboratories, the present research program will be expanded to emphasize problems which can best be studied within the framework of a general hospital. The aim is to lay a foundation for the preventive psychiatry of the future.

It is expected that the close physical association of the facilities in neurology, neurosurgery, and psychiatry will be beneficial to the research and teaching programs and to the care of patients with neurological and emotional disorders.

Laboratories, for research in the basic sciences as they are related to the structure and function of the skin, are contained on the floor designated for dermatology. As Dr. Penfield said, the conclusions of the dermatologist may be profound, although his observations are only skin deep.

The various specialties mentioned above, each with its own place, are, however, closely integrated in the Massachusetts General Hospital. The building stands as another link between the hospital and the scientific resources of Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Plans for Musical

If you have noticed lately employees clearing their throats and hitting the high notes, don't think that they are crazy: it's just getting near the time when the M.G.H. Operetta Company starts casting for their April show. Soon now familiar songs will be heard floating out of the Moseley Rotunda, and you'll feel like joining . . . you can: casting for the coming show will start January 29 for the cast of players and on February 5 for the chorus.

History of the Company

For those of you who do not know anything about the Company, here is a short history. The M.G.H. Operetta Company was formed for recreational purposes and to bring the people of the hospital more close together. The shows are financed from the recreation fund and any proceeds go back into that fund, which also helps put on other activities such as the employees' dance at Christmas.

The Gilbert and Sullivan operettas were chosen for the first series of ventures. The first was "Iolanthe" staged April 12 and 13, 1950, at the Elizabeth Peabody House. The hospital was able to obtain Miss Margot Warner as directress, and she has continued her interest and has directed succeeding shows. 'Iolanthe" was well received with a packed house both nights.

On April 19 and 20, 1951, the "Pirates of Penzance" was staged and was a great success. In the following years, the shows were "The Gondoliers," in 1952, and in 1953 the combination of "Trial by Jury" and "H.M.S. Pinafore." In 1954, the stage for the shows changed to the Morse Auditorium of the Museum of Science, and the running of the shows was extended to three nights. "The Yeoman of the Guard" was put on that year. "The Mikado" was a highlight of 1955.

In 1956, the Company ventured, for the first time, into the realm of the musical comedy by doing "Finian's Rainbow." Very much encouraged by last year's success, the show chosen for this year is "Brigadoon" with music by Frederick Lowe and book and lyrics by Alan Jay Lerner.

Synopsis of Brigadoon

What is the story of "Brigadoon?" Two young men from New York traveling in Scotland come across a town called Brigadoon. It's an eighteenth century village which comes to life only once every century. When the men arrive they find preparations going on for a wedding. But there is trouble—what it is and what the outcome is, you can see on April 23, 24, and 25. Some of the songs you'll hear are "Almost like being in love", "Down on MacConnarchy Square", 'Come to me, Bend to me", "The heather on the hill" among many more.

Save Tuesday Evenings

The Operetta Company welcomes anyone to join. Needed are singers, actors, dancers, committeemen for scenery and make-up, stage hands, and painters. You are needed to make this an even bigger and better show. Plan now to save your Tuesday evenings for the rehearsals.

Dick Snaith, president

First Aid Awards

On November 1, certificates were awarded to 26 members of the first aid class which has been sponsored here at the hospital by the American Red Cross. Shown above receiving certificates are, left to right, Mrs. Carrie Tarbox, Mrs. Roxie Nanian, and Mrs. Joanne Blyler. Dr. Charles L. Clay stands in the center, and on his left are Mr. E. Forest Hallet, director, First Aid and Accident Prevention, Metropolitan Chapter, Red Cross; and Mr. Clinton L. Pendleton, instructor of the course and a safety engineer of the New England Power Company.

Others receiving certificates were:

Charlotte Brown, R.N.
Bernice L. Clark, R.N.
Constance Cox
Jean Fairgrieve
Mary Flannery
Henrietta Golec, R.N.
Robert Hansen
Emma Ruth Jacklin, L.P.N.
Madeline M. Kearney, R.N.
Joan R. Kittredge, R.N.
Diane Koury, R.N.
Elizabeth D. MacDougall
Janet L. Meserve, R.N.
Catherine Mitchell
Maudlean Murphy
Ada Plumer, R.N.
Dorothy Rock, R.N.
Jean Sargent
George A. Shields
Veronica Sison, R.N.
Ruth J. Sorge, R.N.
Adele Ventresca
Andrea T. Whelpley

Christmas Decorations

In spite of regulations which are necessary to prevent accidents, decoration of the hospital areas always flourishes around Christmas.

Even though the rules state that natural trees or evergreens may not be placed inside buildings, many people set up small (under three feet) artificial trees if they are non-flammable. The maintenance department will, again, place illuminated trees outside the buildings.

In the same manner it is possible to use wreaths: they may be placed outside the windows, although they are not permitted indoors.

Paper decorations may also be used if they are of the fire-proofed material supplied by the occupational therapy department.

Lights may be used if they are not placed on trees or covered with material of any kind.

Regulations in dormitories are somewhat more restrictive. But rules will not stop the window artists. With a little water-soluble paint it is possible to make many areas festive.

JOIN THE BOWLING LEAGUE

The Unexpected

There was once a man named Wright who lived out West back in the early days. Someone once asked him what he thought of this new-fangled idea that sometime men might be able to fly. He replied that flying was reserved for the angels. Mr. Wright had two sons: Orville and Wilbur.

Introduction

Christmas is celebrated in a multitude of ways throughout the world. Even in other parts of the United States, variety of climate and geography makes the day quite different from that celebrated in New England. In California, for example, as reported by Bill Stone, Medical Art, the traditional poinsettia plant grows outdoors, and it is possible to swim in the ocean and ski in the mountains all in one day.

The following articles are written by people from the M.G.H. to show how Christmas is observed in a few of the other countries. The description of customs and countries shown here is only representative of many, many more. As Merete Engelstoft said, "Many families have their own traditions, known only among few, which they keep alive year after year. Without these customs they would not have the right Christmas. The few things named here are rather common and well-known."

Mexico

We, the Mexicans, begin to celebrate Christmas nine days before the 25th of December with so-called "posadas" in commemoration of St. Joseph and the Virgin Mary seeking shelter. On the 16th and the days following, "posadas" are held of both a religious and social nature.

The religious are held in the churches with a nativity scene, having prayers and Christmas carols followed by the traditional "pinata" which is a sort of "blind man's buff" in which the aim is to hit and break a fancifully decorated clay jar filled with candies, fruits, toys, etc. When the pinata is broken, all rush in to collect as much as possible getting much fun out of it.

The social gatherings which are parties held by families, commercial groups, students, clubs, etc., also in-

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Denmark

We have no polar bears going around in the streets in winter as people read somewhere, not even during Christmas when so many other unusual and traditional things happen.

Christmas is a feast for children and many of the things we do are very enjoyable. Santa Claus, "Julemanden" as we call him, lives far away in the mountains covered with snow where he is busy for a long time with making all the toys that children dream of getting. But the seven last days before Christmas he drives around in his sleigh pulled by deer and puts little gifts or candy in a shoe that each child has put up in the window sill. But only if she or he has been a good child! Of course Santa will know all about that. You also write a long list of all your wishes for presents to be left on the window sill for Santa on his trip.

The first of December, we start using a Christmas calendar. It might be shaped like a house, a ship, a wind-

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Germany

Christmas is celebrated on the 25th of December as in many countries. Its origin dates back to the early Christian beginning, and it has remained one of the most meaningful annual events in German life. Families are united together to sit beneath the tree and to indulge in a spirit of happiness.

The Christmas tree was first introduced in Germany and then travelled to many parts of the world to become the symbol for Christmas.

On the 24th, in the evening, every member of the family receives well decorated Christmas presents which are laid under the tree. In some parts of Germany, particularly in small communities, a woman dressed in a wedding gown and veil visits families to hand out Christmas presents. Particularly children enjoy this custom and are enchanted by the appearance of the well dressed lady who is believed to come from heaven with a message for the children.

The family sings Christmas carols accompanied by an instrument. The candles of the tree are lit. Some people serve wine and eat Christmas cake. Early the next morning, everybody goes to the church to the so-called "Christmesse". It is the highlight of the Christmas ceremony. At noon a big dinner is served in the form of a well prepared goose. The second holiday is on the 26th, and relatives and acquaintances visit each other and enjoy the gaiety of Christmas.

A. L. Weber, M.D.

—Drawing by Mary Egan

The Holy Land

Christmas is observed in Jordan with the traditional ceremonies of the Eastern Churches and with the devotions of the Western Churches. Very often it is celebrated twice every year since the Eastern Churches follow the old Julian calendar. Christmas finds

pilgrims and visitors from all over the world gathering in this holy area

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Poland

Christmas is one of the most joyous and sacred feasts of the year. It is preceded by a week of many preparations for the great day of Christ's birth. The strict fast of December 24 ends with the solemn and traditional "Wigilia" supper which begins with the appearance of the first star in the evening skies for which the wide eyed children had kept watch from mid-afternoon. The family, young and old, from far and near, gather at a table spread with a thin layer of hay in honor of the Infant Jesus in the manger; this is covered with a white cloth on which are placed dishes of soups, "barszcz", mushrooms, fish, "pieroszki" and various pastries—all for a festive but meatless meal. The lighted candle symbolizes the hope that the Christ Child in the form of a stranger may drop in to share the supper—hence there is always a vacant place set for the unexpected guest. Often sheaves of wheat are placed in the corners of the room with prayers.

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Chile

It is difficult to be original trying to describe Christmas: it has its own delightful and universal traditions. I believe, however, that if something is peculiar to Chile, it is the marvelous weather of our early summer Christmas. The polichromatic or multicolored flowers and the green rugs of the gardens replace the cold, white snow. Christmas Eve is essentially a private family evening. The traditional Christmas tree and "Noel" or Santa Claus are always there. But tradition means tradition: the tree has "snow" in summer and "Noel" has to wear heavy clothes that make him suffer in the heat.

Jorge Litvak, M.D.

Sweden

Christmas is the most celebrated holiday of the whole year in Sweden. The preparations for Christmas start many weeks before the 24th of December because in many homes the people still make their own candles, liverwurst, and bake many other things that are used only for Christmas. If there are children in the family, we will bake the gingerbread in forms of pigs, St. Claus, angels, goats, houses, etc. The most important day is the 24th of December.

Early this morning the Christmas tree will be decorated with the Swedish flag on the top, lights, paper strings in red, green and silver, small baskets of paper filled with nuts, red apples, small St. Claus, etc.

In the afternoon the whole family gathers together and we have the big Christmas dinner. The table is very beautifully decorated and the only lights are candlelights. In many homes they will have a baked head of a pig with a red apple in its mouth for decoration. This dinner consists of a lot of dishes and one has to eat a little of everything. We have the big baked ham that is the main dish, many different kinds of meat pies,

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Switzerland

The small country of Switzerland, where four different languages are spoken, observes many old customs. In the district of the capitol, Berne, Christmas begins with the first Sunday of Advent when one of four candles on a wreath is lit. A candle is lit on each of the following days of Advent.

On his feast day, December 6, Saint Nicholas knocks at every door to bring apples, nuts, and tangarines to good children or a switch to the bad ones. During Christmas week, Saint

Nicholas walks with his grey donkey followed by students through the streets of Berne throwing candy in the direction where the children shout the loudest. In the evening, on December 24 and 25, a fir tree decorated with real candles, apples, nuts and glass balls stands in every house. Christmas is a family affair. The children recite poems, play the piano or flute, and all sing carols praising the birth of Jesus. Then the big moment arrives for the children: they are allowed to open their presents which the child Jesus has brought them.

Heinz Kohler, Ph.D.
Cardiovascular Lab.

England

Preparation for the holidays begins far in advance with the making of Christmas cakes and Christmas puddings full of nuts and fruits. Decorations are mostly of evergreen with holly and mistletoe. In recent years, Norway has given England a large tree, of outstanding beauty, which is placed in Trafalgar Square in commemoration of Free Norway. Other communities are now adopting the custom of having large trees in their squares.

Christmas Day itself is relatively quiet, and all members of the family make every attempt possible to be

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MEXICO

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clude the typical pinata as well as singing, dancing, with lotteries and gifts. The places for these festivities are decorated with colorful Christmas ornaments.

The main event of Christmas comes with the gathering of the family on the evening of the 24th. People attend midnight Mass and then come home full of Christmas spirit for the Christmas dinner, and for the interchange of gifts and best wishes.

Luzmana Balderas
Huntington Lab.

DENMARK

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mill, or anything of paper which has 24 windows to open. You open one every day and inside you see a picture which, of course, has a connection with Christmas.

The small and the big cities and the shop windows start to be decorated late in November with lights, figures, trees, and many colorful things. So you can enjoy your Christmas shopping. We decorate the houses with figures of elves and angels, branches from needled trees, and pine cones. Holly is specially used with its red berries, and also mistletoe which we hang, according to the old custom, in the open doors between two rooms.

Before Christmas, you spend some evenings with the children making figures, baskets, bells, etc., of colorful paper to put on the tree, and also figures of candy or chocolate.

The baking for Christmas is a very important thing. We have special cakes or cookies which are only made at this time. Very early you also start planning what the dinner for the night of the 24th will be: usually we have goose and a dish with rice, butter, and cinnamon. There is one almond; the person who gets it receives a present.

At 4:00 P.M. you go to the church and sometimes we have been lucky to get snow so we have a "White Christmas" which makes the day what it should be. After dinner everyone has to stay in the dark room while the father lights the candles on the tree. Then he lets you in and you go around the tree, holding each other by the hand, singing. In some homes the circle splits into a chain and they run into every room singing a special song for each room. Then you give presents, and the rest of the evening is spent with games and refreshments. And perhaps one in the family has a talent for making good Christmas punch bowls.

Merete Engelstoft
Bacteriology Lab.

SWEDEN

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wursts, red cabbage, a special kind of fish that is only served during the Christmas, and rice porridge that has a little special story. This porridge contains one single almond and the one that gets the almond has to invent a little poem about the dinner right away.

After the dinner we sit close to the Christmas tree and there will be a table with fruits, nuts, and a special drink that is called "glogg". This drink is made of wine, alcohol, spices and with raisins and almonds in it and is served hot. Those things we will eat during the time we give the Christmas gifts. If there are small children in the family, there will be a St. Claus, who will distribute the gifts and in a very deep voice ask if there are any nice children. Otherwise the oldest son or daughter hands out the gifts. On the gifts there will be a short poem written about the gift, and one is supposed to guess the content of the package and everyone will be very curious to see if the guess is right. When all the gifts are opened we will sit around for a while and maybe sing some Christmas songs and dance around the tree, but go to bed early.

Christmas day everybody is going to get up early to go to the church. The service starts between 6 and 7 o'clock in the morning and nobody will miss it. It is usually a very cold morning and it is dark. Especially if one is living in the country or in a small town it is a very beautiful trip to the church. In this case the people will go by sleighs with torches in their hands and the horses will have bells so one can hear them coming. In every window one passes there will be candles burning. All the graves in the church yard will have small Christmas trees with burning candles and that has a very impressive effect in the white snow in the dark morning. In the church they will have a very beautiful service with horn music and choirs that will sing all the old Christmas hymns.

We also celebrate the 26th of December as a holiday. This day all the Christmas dances take place. During the day there will be plays and dancing for the children in the homes, and they will dance around the Christmas tree and have all kinds of Christmas games; and when they leave the party, they will all get a small basket with Christmas candy, paper hats and balloons. Later on in the night the grownup balls will take place and after that the Christmas is over, and everybody is looking forward to the next one.

Barbro Karlen
Huntington Lab.

THE HOLY LAND

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to share with the Arabs celebrating the occasion.

Days before Christmas, people start preparations: home and store decorations, gifts, social gatherings and church celebrations. They may gather in a public place or a church yard and do some folk dancing. With the holiest and oldest churches as a background, one can enjoy the romantic costumes and the fine weather.

Christmas Eve, for example, in the town of Bethlehem, is highlighted by a trip to Shepherds' Field at dusk and to the Church of the Nativity for the midnight service. Here once again the pealing of the Christmas bells sends the glad tidings to the world of the birth of Christ.

On Christmas Day, after church, people make it a point to drop by at their neighbors' and friends' and wish them a happy Christmas. They go around in families and groups making the day an occasion for spreading peace and brotherly love to everyone.

Fuad Suleiman
Chemistry Lab.

ENGLAND

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home for it. The family exchanges gifts, and if there are children the father dresses up as "Father Christmas", the English equivalent of Santa Claus. A large dinner is served with turkey or a joint of meat as the main dish. The Christmas pudding is then often brought flaming to the table. After dinner the family generally goes for a walk until tea.

A highlight of the day is the Christmas broadcast, from 2:00 to 3:00 P.M., by the B.B.C. This broadcast was started during the reign of George V, was continued by George VI, and now by Elizabeth II. It consists of a hookup of the entire commonwealth with all the dominions and colonies participating as the radio swings around the world. At three o'clock, the Queen speaks to her subjects, giving her Christmas message. People from all over the world listen in: in Canada, New Zealand, Scotland, Australia, in weather ships on the North Sea, and in South Africa. It is a family program and strengthens the feeling of kinship among the far-spread people.

The day after Christmas, called "Boxing Day", is also a holiday, but it is of a different kind. This is the time when parties, plays, and sporting events take place. Through the season these continue.

As reported by:
Elizabeth Gloyne
Social Service

POLAND

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Before partaking of the meal, the head of the family breaks and distributes the traditional "Oplatek" (peace wafer) which has been blessed by a priest. This is an unleavened wafer like an altar bread on which are embossed the figures of the Christ Child, manger, Mary and Joseph. Members of the family break the wafer with each other and eat it. During this sharing and breaking of the wafer, wishes for the coming year are exchanged, misunderstandings forgiven, and all look with faith to a year of hope, peace, and love.

After supper the Christmas tree for which the children have waited most impatiently is lighted and "Koledy" (carols) are sung and the children receive small gifts of nuts, candy and toys from the gaily decorated tree. (In Poland St. Nick comes on December 6.) Then there is much merriment and singing of carols until the departure for "Pasterka" or Midnight Mass.

There is a popular belief that during the Midnight Mass, peace decends upon the earth and that even the humble domestic animals talk at this time, but only those innocent in heart can hear them.

The actual Christmas Day is spent quietly in prayer, rest and family visits.

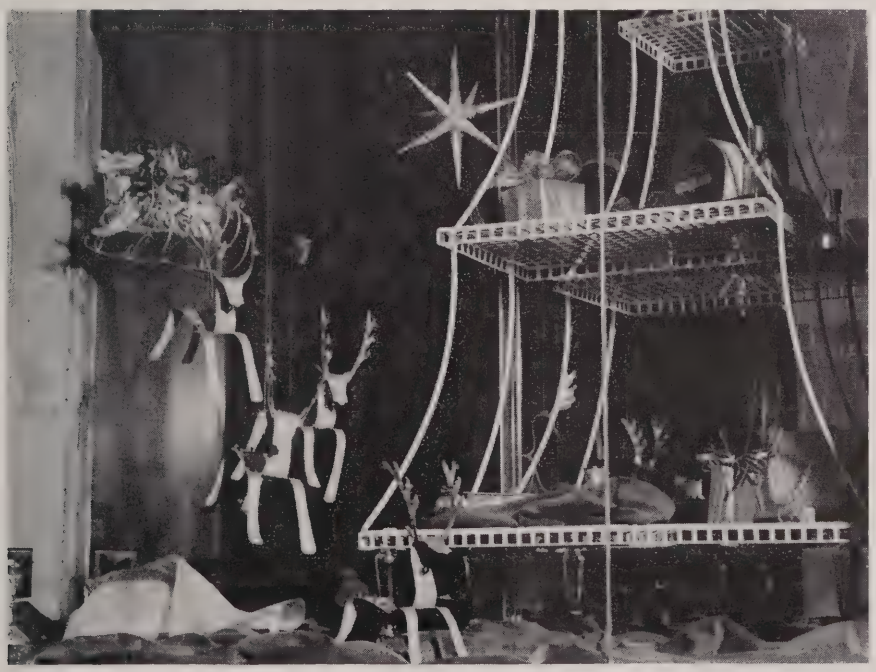
Let us hope that with this year's breaking of the Oplatek, there may come to all Poles, both in their own land and to those scattered the world over, and to all people on earth, a true and lasting peace.

Eulalia F. Grzebieniowska
Neurology Service

A 50-year Service Pin was presented to Mrs. Sherman Miles by Dr. Dean A. Clark, General Director, at the November meeting of the Ladies' Visiting Committee. Mrs. Miles is the third member of the Committee to receive such an award. Others were Mrs. Richard Hale in 1953 and Mrs. Arthur D. Hill in 1954. Mrs. Miles is known for her contributions to many aspects of the activities of the Committee, and particularly for her work in securing radios for the patients. Mrs. Miles is shown above between Dr. Clark and Mrs. Floyd H. Blackman, chairman of the Committee.

Discount Mailing List

Those people interested in buying appliances, cameras, and jewelry may sign up in the Personnel Office to have their names placed on the mailing list of a store specializing in that type of merchandise. Products sold by this store include: diamonds, wedding rings, watches, silver plate, irons, toasters, mixers, vacuum cleaners, typewriters, razors, lighters, wallets, radios, tape recorders, percolators, refrigerators, television, and many others.



Modernistic sleigh and tree shine in window of the Eye and Ear Infirmary's New Gift Shop.

NEW GIFT SHOP

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Richmond are the chairmen in charge. Acting as manager is Mrs. Victor Kazanjian.

The shop is open from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. It is located directly across from the Admitting Office on the first floor. Profits will be used by the Ladies' Visiting Committee to further their activities for the benefit of the infirmary.

The merchandise is varied and includes gifts for patients as well as many objects that would make suitable Christmas presents. Jewelry, glassware, and handkerchiefs may be found, and there are also some toys such as dolls. Wrapping paper is sold, and the shop has free wrapping service for the busy shopper. Magazines, cigarettes, and candy are available.

Many people will continue to find the convenience of such an attractive shop very advantageous.

ABOUT FOLKS

Housekeeping

Mr. Vincent Caggiano of Baker Memorial housekeeping enjoyed his late summer vacation by visiting his son who is now at Mount Carmel College, Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada.

Mr. Joseph Doherty is welcomed back as night supervisor; he is replacing **Mr. Altonn Yuknis** who has left for another position.

Mrs. Antonina Shulha of Vincent-Burnham housekeeping is very happy because of the excellent recuperation of her husband who has been discharged from the emergency ward.

Harry Rossman

X-Ray

On Wednesday evening, November 28, **Miss Joan Davies,** head technician of General X-ray, was given a surprise "Bon Voyage" party by the X-ray department in the penthouse. There were nearly 80 people present.

Miss Davies came to us in September 1953 from Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, Maryland, and she is now leaving to return to her native country, England.

Dr. Robbins, radiologist-in-chief, presented Miss Davies with a 35 mm. camera given by her department in appreciation for the excellent job she has done as head technician. **Dr. Paul St. Aubin** played his bagpipes—much to the delight of his listeners.

The committee in charge of decorations was **Vinnie Ventimeglia, Jody Bastraw, Nan Keunstler,** and **Marty White.** The theme of the decorations was England: a picture of the Queen Mary, the ship Miss Davies will sail on from New York, was included. **Harold Whittemore** and **Robert Hansen** were in charge of the refreshments. **Jim Connolly** played the piano while the guests sang.

Mary Profirio

Baker Nursing

Best wishes go to **Laura Ballou,** Baker 4, and **Joe Silva,** Baker 3, who were married on Thanksgiving Day.

Congratulations to **Laurie Seavey** who graduated from Baker 10 on November 26.

Welcome back to **Sarah MacDonald** who just returned from taking care of her ill father in Canada.

George Reeves is now working relief on Baker 7.

Welcome goes to **Kathleen Grant,** graduate, on Baker 5, and to **Leslie Stables,** graduate, on Baker three; they just arrived from the Lawrence Memorial Hospital.

Dick Snaith

General Nursing

Best wishes are extended to **Miss Phyllis Delano** of Burnham 4 on her recent engagement.

Mr. Thomas Kaprosch, U. S. Navy corpsman, of White 9, deserves a note of thanks for his work on that floor.

It is **Mrs. Frances Snyder,** secretary of White 5 AC, who is the proud mother of a new daughter.

Mr. Max Rosen, of the Appliance Room, recently underwent surgery and is progressing rapidly, we are happy to say.

We are glad to see **Mr. William Bismore** of White Operating Room back on duty after having surgery performed.

Anne Fyles is now working as a secretary in Dr. J. C. White's office.

Miss Ann Cahill, White Operating Room Supervisor, recently gave a lecture to the Surgical House Staff and showed slides of her European trip. Music was supplied by the Staff.

The former **Justine Smith,** Clinical Instructor, Coordinated Program, recently became Mrs. Donald Ellison. They honeymooned in Bermuda. Best wishes to both.

We extend a greeting to the following new hospital aides and ward helpers: **Mrs. Isabelle Allen, Mrs. Alice Carmain, Miss Edith Collins, Miss Geraldine Feinberg, Miss Jeanne Lee, Mrs. Lucretia McDonald, Miss Irene MacLellan, Miss Irene Miller,** and **Mrs. Mary Sykes.** Welcome to each one.

John McCracken

Pharmacy

The engagement of **Miss Thelma C. Lezberg** to Mr. Jack Hilibrand has been announced. Miss Lezberg is a graduate of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, and her fiance is a graduate of M.I.T. in electrical engineering. Thelma was honored at a party on November 30 when members of the hospital joined in wishing her good luck. A large decorated cake and other refreshments were served, including cookies by **Gladys Cooke.** Thelma was presented with a large pressure cooker.

We are glad to hear that **Nellie Sherry** is making a nice recovery from her recent illness.

Mr. Charles "Pop" Cummings wished to be remembered to everyone when we heard from him recently.

We are sorry to hear of **Mary O'Flaherty's** illness. Hope she makes a quick recovery. She wishes to thank everyone for their kindness.

Agnes McGovern

Eye and Ear

There was a grand turnout of infirmary personnel at the Christmas party on Monday evening, December 10. The buffet dinner was followed by a floor show and dancing, and the festive holiday spirit filled the John Hancock Building. This was the first social event sponsored by the newly formed personnel club, which is open to the entire staff of the hospital. The officers are Miss Dolores Hernandez, president; Dr. Robert S. Gohd, vice-president; Miss Joanne Acolla, secretary; and Mr. Martin M. Bernstein, treasurer. They are to be congratulated, along with Mr. Kenneth Cadman, chairman of the social committee, for the success of the party.

The social service department has resumed its program for students training in medical social work, and this year four students from Boston College and Simmons Schools of Social Work are participating. Miss Lorraine Murphy and Miss Kathleen Arbuckle are in the infirmary's regular medical program, while Miss Ishbel Keffer and Mr. Andrew Johnston are specializing in a rehabilitation program under the supervision of Miss Mildred Alexander.

The occupational therapy department has a full graduate program this year, with new students coming in every two months. Mr. Russell Vincent Barnum, who is in the current program, is the first male student in occupational therapy in four years. The infirmary gives best wishes to Mrs. Polly Merrill, occupational therapist, who is leaving in December.

Dr. Neil F. Thorlaksen has left for the West Coast where he can be reached at 916 Cobb Building, Seattle, Washington. Dr. Alvaro Rodriquez, a fellow in ophthalmology attached to the retina service, has returned to his home in Colombia, South America. Dr. Arcadius Hakim, who has left the infirmary to serve in the U. S. Navy, is stationed in Washington, D.C. Dr. P. F. Lee, arriving here from his home in Formosa, is doing research work in the Howe laboratory on glaucoma. On leave of absence from the Harvard Medical School, is Mr. Jed Howard. He is here on a training fellowship in ophthalmology.

Mrs. Wilfred Burnett, fourth floor aide, is recovering at home from her recent operation. She wishes to thank everyone for the many good wishes she received while she was hospitalized. She is especially grateful to all those who donated blood to make her operation possible.

Joan Temkin

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Miss Ruth Sleeper, director of the School of Nursing and Nursing Service, presents Miss Geraldine Corcoran of Mattapoisett with her cap while her classmates look on. Left to right are: Miss Elizabeth Bigda, Wollaston; Miss Josephine Fredella, Medford; and Miss Cynthia Locke, Melrose.

Student Nurses' Capping

Seventy-six students in the class of 1957 of the School of Nursing received their caps at the traditional capping ceremonies held on Monday evening, January 14, in the Moseley rotunda.

This traditional ceremony marks the occasion when the student nurse, having completed her first twenty-eight months in the school, exchanges her student cap for the school cap. For the next eight months she serves as a nurse intern, working in partnership with the faculty and the graduate nurses.

Dr. Dean A. Clark, General Director, extended greetings and congratulations to the students. Miss Ruth Sleeper, director of the School of Nursing and Nursing Service, presented the students with their caps. Following the exercises, a reception was held in Bartlett Hall for the members of the class, their families and friends. The students come from thirteen different states and one foreign country.

Miss Lewis Retires as Treadwell Librarian

Over one hundred people attended an informal reception, in the Trustees' Room on January 4, held in honor of Miss Eleanore A. Lewis who has retired from the position of librarian in the Treadwell Library.

Miss Lewis was active in the library for fifteen years, and her knowledge of people's special interests enabled her to give many extra services and to secure materials of particular value to them.

Before coming to the Treadwell Library, Miss Lewis assisted Dr. James H. Means, Dr. Donald S. King, and Dr. Frances Rackemann. Miss Lewis plans to continue her interest in the hospital.

Being welcomed as the new librarian, is Miss Genevieve Cole. Miss Cole has her master's degree in library science from the University of Wisconsin and has worked for the past four years in the Biology Division of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee.

Tryouts for "Brigadoon" January 28 and 29

"Brigadoon", the rollicking musical with the Scottish flavor, by Frederick Lowe and Alan Lerner, is the choice for this year's production.

Everyone interested in any phase of the musical that the M.G.H. Operetta Company is planning for this year, is invited to come to the tryouts on Monday, January 28, and Tuesday, January 29. They will be held in the Moseley Rotunda at 7:00 P.M.

The cast required is quite varied with roles from ages 18 to 50 and includes some speaking parts. All kinds of singers are needed for the chorus as well as for the cast of characters.

Of special interest to both men and women is the dancing group which is being planned. Anyone interested in being a part of this group is urged to come out regardless of the amount of experience they have had. Instruction by a professional dancer in basic, classical dancing will be given; and there are some parts for experienced solo dancers.

For those interested in participating in the vital behind-the-scenes activities, there are many areas where talent is needed: program, ticket sales, ushers, properties, curtain, lights, scenery, publicity, and costumes, etc. Pianists are also needed.

Set Tuesday evenings aside to join in the fun and excitement. For further information call Personnel, extension 803.

Miss Eleanore A. Lewis

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Cafeteria Society At the M.G.H.

The chefs are in the kitchens, tall white hats, supreme,
And all the pots are boiling, giving forth a fragrant steam.
The bus boys are alert, the dieticians standing by,
The girls behind the counters cast an anxious practised eye
At all their wares, for in a moment now, the doors will open wide
To admit a band of angels waiting hungrily outside.
Angels? Well, no wings perhaps, but at least they're garbed in white.
The nurses' gowns are trim and neat, but mercy, what a plight
Some of our doctors do get in! White coats and stethescopes are the costume of the day,
With operating caps and masks in hurried disarray.
And oh, who is the prankster that in fiendish perversity
Allots a pigmy's coat and pants to a doctor six foot three?
All set, Norma? Smile pretty, please, Hortense, the procession has begun.
"Good evening, Doctor, will you take your steak rare or well done?"
The salads are delicious, the ice cream beyond compare. A cup of tea?
Ann will pour. "Sure 'twill stimulate your mentality."
They all file by, the students and the Masters, some of great renown,
Often tired and weary and with problems laden down.
But here the great and humble are intent upon one plan,
Imperative and important — to feed the inner man.

Mabel McDonald

Mrs. McDonald first was employed in Dietary in 1953 and has been a floor server and counter woman. —Ed.

New Quarters for Bacteriology

The Bacteriology Laboratory has moved to newly refurnished space on the fourth floor of the Domestic building. The new space allows more room for all bacteriology activities and provides for consolidation of functions that had been spread over several floors and rooms.

The new space includes a tuberculosis and fungus room, a blood culture room, and a room for the hospital sanitarian, in addition to the large main laboratory.

It is in the Bacteriology Laboratory that cultures from all over the hospital are tested. Here minute, one-celled, disease producing, microorganisms are studied. When a patient has an infectious disease it is often possible to determine which disease is present by testing samples of blood, sputum, spinal fluid, pus, etc. The germs are grown in cultures in this laboratory where they can be isolated, identified, and studied.

After identification, the germs are tested to see to which antibiotic they are sensitive. This information is then given to the doctor for his use in deciding how to treat the patient. The doctor interprets the factual findings of the laboratory and makes his decision upon the basis of his knowledge of the total medical condition of the patient.

Over 30,000 tests are made during a single year in the Bacteriology Laboratory. This means that about 150 tests are made during an average working day. With such a large number of tests being made, the technicians working in this laboratory have an opportunity to observe and work on a great variety of cases and to see many tests that would only be made very rarely in a smaller hospital. For example, during 1956, two cases of typhoid fever, a disease now relatively rare, were observed.

M.G.H. Employee Saves Co-worker

One of our co-workers was walking through the White building the other day, and unnoticed by the many people passing by, bent over to pick up a pencil that someone had dropped and left in the corridor. Returning to her ward, she pushed in a bed crank handle that was left jutting out. While carrying a tray, she waited patiently while another employee rushed by carrying hot food. As she left the building at the end of the day, she paused for a moment to close a locker door that had been left swinging open.

You are the employee that was prevented from having an accident. By taking a little extra time and care, someone has saved you from harm. Any number of people could have run into the locker door. Somebody might have been burned by the hot food. One of your friends might have tripped over the bed crank. YOU MIGHT HAVE SLIPPED ON THAT PENCIL IN THE CORRIDOR. What would have resulted from these "accidents"? Discomfort? . . . Bodily damage? . . . Earning time lost? All these have happened too often.

How much effort does it take to pick up dangerous debris, to remove jutting obstacles, to secure loose doors? How much would the effort mean to you compared with saving yourself and others from harm?

Paul Vail

In the newly located Bacteriology Laboratory, Miss Marguerite E. Burke, head technician, and Miss Sybil R. Marquis (left to right) are shown testing cultures.

A DAY WITH THE DISPATCH SERVICE

Dispatch is a service that receives as many as five to six calls per minute, each one a special request for transportation. Since its organization three years ago, the amount of requests handled has increased three times. During a typical Dispatch day of nine hours, 3,000 errands are accomplished.

Coordination is effected from the dispatching desk where four telephone lines and a newly installed automatic phone answering system facilitate incoming calls. When each messenger leaves the dispatching desk, he is given a route that will take him to several places throughout the hospital, using his time and effort effectively. Messengers call in if they find that there has been a change in their original plans, so that they may be re-routed. They return to the dispatch desk only when necesary, or if it fits into their route.

To facilitate the service, people making requests for transportation should have all information ready beforehand. The few minutes lost on a single call can mean hours when multiplied many times through the dispatch day. Be ready with this information: (1) Who is calling. (2) What or who is to be transported — if a patient, give his name; if an object state how large and heavy it is. (3) How to be transported — by bed, chair, litter, or cart, etc. (4) Destination, including building and floor. (5) State how soon needed.

Calls are taken in chronological order, unless an emergency occurs. In cases of increased load, Dispatch has to decide which errand to do first.

When a need for transportation comes up unexpectedly, it can be taken care of most effectively by calling dispatch, rather than by stopping the next messenger that appears. This is true because that messenger has already been committed to a route which he is to finish first. It would be quicker to call for another messenger, saving everyone time.

In addition to these special requests, the service also has a clerical section, under the supervision of Mrs. Helene V. Sullivan, which handles many routine daily assignments and regularly scheduled routes. Medicines, supplies, records, films, and so on, are picked up and delivered according to schedule.

An idea of how Dispatch works can be had by pictorially going around the hospital with a typical messenger. Shown in the pictures below, is Gloria Lowe, who came to this country from Cuba last Autumn. Gloria had spoken English only in school before she came here. Although she has been with Dispatch only since September, her many trips through the hospital have taught her most of the various departments, laboratories, offices, and wards.

RECEIVING DIRECTIONS

Gloria receives directions from Mr. Leon Katzer, head of Dispatch, when she reports to work at 8:00 A.M. A route that will include as many deliveries along the way as possible is planned to use time and effort effectively and to accomplish as many errands as possible. If Gloria gets to one of her stops and for some reason is not able to carry out the errand, or if the errand is to be delayed, she calls in, states where she is and is given another assignment that fits into her schedule. She then goes on her way, and if necessary another messenger is sent later to carry out the original request. This saves much time in the Dispatch day and enables better service to be given to everyone.

TELEGRAM DELIVERY

Gloria delivers a telegram to Miss Margaret Mary Cullinan, ward secretary on Vincent 3. Gloria picked the telegram up from the White information desk and delivered it on her way to Burnham 5 where she left a patient she had brought from Physical Therapy. Gloria then picked up specimens in a laboratory and took them to Bacteriology, leaving others off at the Chemistry Laboratory along the way. As each messenger goes from one point to another about the hospital, he combines several operations at once in a complicated overlapping. The same goal is always sought: to have the right thing in the right place at the right time.

BLOOD DELIVERY

Gloria picks up a pint of blood from the Blood Bank for Delivery to one of the wards. One of Dispatch's very important functions, the delivery of blood must be handled quickly and with great care. Records kept of the delivery of blood are an example of the records kept of other similar deliveries. People are asked to sign for objects and records when they receive them so that changes in responsibility may be recorded. This information is found useful whenever it is necessary to transport something that needs careful handling. The records show that a delivery was made, when it was made, and to whom it was given.

PATIENT TRANSPORTATION

Gloria is shown taking Mr. David F. Roy from Cardiac to Baker 4. The transportation of patients is a very large part of the Dispatch day. Whenever a request for patient transportation is made it is necessary to state how the patient is to be moved, if the patient is in a chair or stretcher, one messenger is needed. If he is in a bed, it is necessary to have two messengers (see next picture). As Gloria goes on her way about the hospital, she is able to accomplish about sixty errands in one day. This is difficult to average due to the time and distance involved. That is about seven or eight errands per hour. How many miles it is has not been figured.

TURNABOUT IS FAIR PLAY

Shown here are three Dispatch messengers. Yes, there are three. Gloria and Wayman Kelley help Dispatch messenger Ruthie Cullinane. Ruthie took advantage of her hospital stay by finding out what it is like to be a patient. She was hospitalized in the Overnight Ward when she broke her ankle while ice skating recently.

Refresher Course for Graduate Nurses

A six-weeks refresher course for graduate nurses will be offered without tuition by the M.G.H. beginning on January 28. The purpose of the course is to allow nurses who, because of marriage or some other factor, have been out of active nursing for some time to become acquainted with newer procedures in nursing care.

The M.G.H., like many other hospitals today, is faced with the problem of the acute shortage of registered nurses. From time to time nurses who have been inactive for some time have asked about the possibility of a refresher course so that they might consider returning to active nursing. Presently, approximately one-third of our graduate nurses working in the hospital are married, and many of them have children.

The course will be conducted by Staff Education of the Nursing Department, assisted by the Medical Staff. It will be held at the hospital on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 8:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. It will include class instruction and practice in the newer procedures and discussion of modern methods of nursing care. This is the first time that such a course has been offered by the hospital since 1952.

Graduate nurses, who are interested are invited to contact Mrs. Daley of the Personnel Department.

ALLEY TALLIES

With the first half of the Bowling League season closed, the announcement of the winners has been made: the Plumbing Team took first place by five points. A very powerful team, with all five of their men in the list of the ten top bowlers, the Plumbers were, nevertheless, given a lot of stiff competition by the other teams.

Top ten scorers for the first half were:

Mal McLean	96
John Cavallaro	95
John Murphy	94
Everett Gray	94
Conrad Sergott	94
Walter Kieseling	94
David Catalano	94
John Kwitkor	93
George Boyce	93
Daniel Caufield	93

As the second half gets underway, there are six teams in the running: Accounting, Electricians, Maintenance, Misfits, Plumbers, and Printing. More teams are needed, so any man interested is urged to call Ralph Cluff, president, at extension 898.

Hungarian Escapee Arrives Sponsored by the M.G.H.

Mr. Endre Gulyas has arrived here from Camp Kilmer, New Jersey. He is a Hungarian escapee and has been sponsored by the hospital.

For twenty-six years, Mr. Gulyas worked in surgical hospitals in Budapest as an operating room assistant. At the M.G.H. he is presently working in the White operating room.

Mr. Gulyas saw the revolution at first hand, caring for the wounded in the hospital and then taking a gun to join in the street fighting. For this latter action he became a marked man and had to flee as the Russian reprisals increased. He walked and hid for a week in the cold, often wading in water. Finally he was able to make his escape through Austria.

His major concern is for his wife and child who could not flee with him due to the extreme danger of their coming into the open and the hardship of the trip. He is making plans and saving to send them food and to bring them to this country.

Mr. Gulyas is learning English as quickly as possible by taking a short course at the Peabody House in Cambridge. He appreciates any attempts made to talk to him and takes advantage of the opportunity to learn a few English words.

Concerts in the Chapel

Music was provided in the Chapel by the Staff Wives Association on Wednesday afternoon, January 9. The varied program included works by Purcell, Handel, Offenbach, Mendelssohn, and Brahms. Solos were sung by Elizabeth Sheerin, soprano, and by Mary Macauley Monks, alto. Mr. William G. McKim accompanied the group.

On January 23rd, the music program was presented by the Student Nurses' Glee Club, under the direction of Miss Margot Warner.

These free concerts are open to the entire hospital personnel.

Where are you . . .

living now? If you have changed your address and have not reported your new one to your supervisor, you should do so immediately.

Many occasions arise when it is vital to you that the hospital have your correct address on record: for indentification purposes, to mail your withholding statements, to contact you or your family in an emergency, to verify correctly employment, to refer your friends and your business associates to the correct location, and so on.

Ed Huberman in "Mr. Roberts"

Actor - Technician

During the daytime, Mr. Edward Huberman is a student X-ray technician here at the M.G.H. In the evenings, during December and January, he appeared at the Shubert Theatre with Melvin Douglas in "Inherit the Wind". Ed Huberman has been acting in addition to his regular working day since his high school days. While attending Everett High School, he did light opera at the Peabody Play House.

When in the Army as a surgical technician, he continued his acting and attended the Guild Hall school of music and drama in London. Here he was accepted by the Mercury Players and opened for three months in the "Poet's Drama". After the service, he appeared in many shows both here and on the West Coast, including "My Three Angels"; and last year acted in "Mr. Roberts" in California.

How does he have time to do so much? Well, Ed does admit that at times he is a bit pressed; but he enjoys it. And, as if acting and working were not enough, he is also licensed as a beautician.

After graduating, Mr. Huberman plans to work in Baker X-ray and will keep up his interest in drama, in part, by again being active in the M.G.H. Operetta Company. This year he will take on the job of stage manager for the production of "Brigadoon" coming to the M.G.H. in April. He played the part of "Mr. Robust" in last year's "Finian's Rainbow".

When you notify your supervisor of your new address, he will fill out a "change slip", form 566 or form 570, which will be sent to departments that need this information, such as Personnel and Payroll.

ABOUT FOLKS

Dietary Tidbits

Due to this reporter's absence from work because of illness at the time of the last issue some items of interest concerning members of our department did not get into print. We are sorry.

Quite a few job changes have taken place.

Edward Burke was promoted from Baker truck room to chef's helper.

Miss Ann Jack is now in charge of cost procedures in the Food Store.

Malcolm Currie has been transferred from Eye and Ear Dietary to early cashier in the Nurses' Cafeteria.

Mrs. Cunningham who did cover the early morning cashier's assignment has assumed her new responsibilities of interdepartmental record keeping for Nurses' Cafeteria.

New equipment in our bake shop: a special large kettle is the joy of **Croal Johnson** and **Martin Gordon,** while the new proof box for raising dough is simplifying some of the problems of **Otto Skeppen** who works all night making bread, rolls, muffins, and custards for us.

Catherine McBride of White dish room and **Leila Gates** of White Diet kitchen each have new grandchildren: Catherine has one and Leila has two. This makes sixteen new American citizens for Catherine and eleven for Leila.

On vacation from the White kitchen, is **Erwin Crichlow** who is taking a month to visit the West Indies including the Barbados.

Frances Harvey

Baker Nursing

Best wishes to **Mary James,** Baker 4, who became engaged on December 25.

Congratulations to **Frances Kiluk** and **Betty Woodward** who have been made assistant head nurses on Baker 4 and Baker 8 respectively.

Welcome is extended to **Wilfred Ball** who is the new aide on Baker 8.

Also on Baker 8, is **Margaret Powers,** secretary, who is filling in for **Lillian Miller** while she is sick.

Roberta McNeill was formerly on Baker 7, and is now working on Baker 5.

Our good luck wishes to **Jane Ann Cruikshank,** former nurse on Baker 5, who was married on December 26 and is now living in Colorado.

We are glad to have **Carol Norris** with us on Baker 6. She is a graduate from Lawrence Memorial Hospital.

Dick Snaith

Pharmacy

We welcome **Jerry Russo** back to the Pharmacy after his two years of service in the armed forces. Jerry was a Specialist Third Class and was stationed at the 4th Field Hospital Fort Devens, Massachusetts.

The Pharmacy Christmas Party was held December 21, and everyone in the Pharmacy and their guests had a fine time. **Fred Tishler** made a very impressive Santa Claus, while **Ellie Leavenworth** and **Chris Newett** entertained the group on the organ.

Sam Rosenberg brought in some of his wife's delicious cookies which were thoroughly enjoyed; **Helen Hunnefield** and **Mary Profirio** are to be thanked for their help. **Tom Mooncai** took pictures of the different activities.

We did miss **Charles Joyce** who retired last July and who is taking care of his ill wife.

Welcome back to **Jim Norman** in receiving.

We wish to extend our sympathy to **Bob Surabian** whose brother passed away recently.

Agnes McGovern

Eye and Ear

The staff dining room, which officially opened on Thursday, January 10, is for the use of the doctors and for luncheon meetings, which were formerly served in the Surgeons' Parlor. The new dining room, complete with a loud-speaker system for paging the doctors, is expected to relieve the noon-hour congestion and will give the doctors an opportunity to carry on Medical discussion while they eat.

The Housekeeping Department welcomes Mr. William Cohan as its first Housekeeping Supervisor, it was announced recently by Mr. Kenneth Cadman, Executive Housekeeper. Mr. Cadman also stated that in the future all cleaning will be done during the day-time hours, as the department is doing away with the night cleaning shift.

Social Service reports that its student social workers are engaged in some interesting projects as part of their training period here.

Mr. Andrew Johnston from the Boston College School of Social Work, is planning a series of interviews with patients who have had corrective nose surgery to see how much benefit the treatment has been to them in their social and work adjustment. Miss Lorraine Murphy from Simmons College School of Social Work is studying the extent to which certain glaucoma patients follow medical recommendations, and what social problems interfere with their cooperation.

Miss Kathleen Arbuckle from Boston College is dealing with a group of patients with cancer of the larynx to explore their psycho-social problems. While only a small number of patients are involved in these projects, the studies are important to the department as they reveal the extent of problems faced by our patients and indicate areas for more extensive study.

The Accolla sisters — Joanne, of Patients' Accounts, and Mildred, of the Admitting Office, were both recipients of diamond rings for Christmas. Others who have recently announced their engagements are Betty Gulli, secretary in Dr. Schall's office, Joan Galvin of the Mosher lab, and Angela Barbas of the Virus Lab.

Joan Temkin

X-ray

The welcome mat is out to **Mr. Robert Phillips,** the new head technician in General X-ray, who has replaced Miss Joan Davies. Mr. Phillips came to us from the Pratt Diagnostic Hospital on Harrison Avenue in Boston.

Robert Hansen, dark room technician, is the proud father of a baby boy born in December.

Mary Profirio

Here and There

Mr. and Mrs. **Frederick D. Foster** are receiving congratulations on the birth of a baby daughter, Kim, born on her mother's birthday. Mr. Foster is an assistant director.

Miss Catherine Yevic of the personnel department returned from a three week vacation during which she motored to Florida, visiting such places as the Everglades; Key West; Africa, U. S. A.; and staying for a time near Miami Beach.

His many friends about the hospital were relieved to hear that **Mr. Clarence Golder** was not seriously hurt when he unfortunately fell from a ladder while repairing a chandelier in the White lobby. Clarence was able to return to work in the maintenance department within a few days.

We wish a speedy recovery to **Margaret Carroll,** technician in neurology research, who was injured by glass when some equipment exploded and is now recovering in the Eye and Ear Infirmary.

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Medical Records Holds Open House

Attending the medical records open house, on the afternoon of January 15, were hospital personnel, employees and staff members. Outside guests included members of other medical record departments in the area, and future students from Colby Junior College and Simmons College.

Some of the department's latest equipment was demonstrated, while also available were medical records dating well back into the last century. The contrast showed a marked change in the methods of record keeping and in our way of life.

From among the old records, several interesting stories came out including one of a cannibal who was treated for frozen feet back in 1842. Apparently he had some trouble with the hospital diet, it not being just what he was accustomed to eating.

Through the use of the older records, comparisons of how medicine has changed through the years were also shown. An example was of the patient suffering from asthma, admitted in 1822. He was examined with a stethoscope and his pulse was taken each day; aside from that he was "blistered", and his behavior and reactions to medications, chiefly opiates, were noted. Last year a similar patient had his pulse, temperature, and respiration recorded four times per day, and his blood pressure twice. A blood count, urinalysis, chest X-ray, and electrocardiogram were made, while he was given a series of alergy tests. Thirteen drugs were given at the direction of eight doctors who had studied reports from seven laboratories. A psychiatrist was also in consultation.

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Polio Shots Available

For the time being, polio vaccine is available to all employees. Those interested may inquire at the Staff Clinic to arrange for having the injections. Afternoon hours, between 1:00 and 3:00 are suggested, but other appointments may be scheduled.

Left to right: Dr. Edward D. Churchill, Dr. Allen M. Butler, Dr. Oliver Cope, and Dr. William H. Sweet were members of the committee on research who examined some of the old records on display. Of special interest were the elaborate drawings and paintings that often accompanied and illustrated the reports.

Escape from Snow Storms and Galoshes
CARIBBEAN TOUR PLANS

Although the ground hog was frightened by his shadow when he emerged to see whether or not winter was over on February 2, many people are already suffering from occasional touches of spring fever and the wanderlust that goes with it. There is a cure: plans are now being made for an M.G.H. tour to the Caribbean. The group will leave May 13 or 20 for a two-week trip, flying down and back. They will visit the balmy islands of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands where temperatures are constantly around 75 degrees and the trade winds prevail.

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Cast for April 25, 26, and 27 Announced

It is outside the mysterious village of Brigadoon. The gray of dawn is gradually changing into day, when figures dressed in Scottish garb are seen and the music swings into "Down on MacConnachy Square". The scene is actually the Moseley rotunda on any Tuesday evening between now and April 25, 26, and 27 when the M.G.H. Operetta Company will play "Brigadoon" for the benefit of the employees' recreation fund.

Among the figures are two Americans lost in the Scottish Highlands, Tommy and Jeff, played by Dick Rodgers and Paul Austin. Tom Connolly and Dave Dunton play Archie and Harry Beaton. Also on the cast are Steve Corsaro as Angus McGuffie, Bob Roth as Sandy, and Dick Snaith as Andrew MacLaren. The pert and lovely lass, Fiona is played by Carrol Schillemat. Two characters involved in the wedding are Jean MacLaren and Charlie Dalrymple, by Jane Kissling and Maurice Fontaine. Well steeped in the mysterious village lore is Mr. Lundie by Ed Huberman. Other characters include Stuart Dalrymple by Maurice Langham and Frank by John Farrell. A chorus of singers and a group of dancers will make up the villagers; and a quartet is planned of Janice Anzulovic, Anne Schwer, Maurice Langham, and Tim Harrison.

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The Ups and Downs of of Elevators

Like any intensely used equipment, elevators do not always run smoothly. For many of us who have had to wait there is nothing uplifting about them. Who was it who decided to call them "elevators"?

The elevators in the hospital are intended for everyone's use, not just for individuals. Perhaps the sweet young thing who blithely gets on and rides by herself, without holding the doors for other passengers, would think twice about it if she knew that the capacity of the elevator is 3,000 pounds.

Many of us would benefit by the exercise of walking up one flight or down two, but if the thought "floors" you, try to plan your trips so that elevator space and runs are not wasted.

Perhaps the worst offender is the person who leaves the doors on automatic elevators open so that the machine will be kept waiting until that particular person is ready to return. In an organization where patient and supply transportation are dependent on elevators this is particularly backward. A little consideration in the use of elevators would save everyone's time.

Student Practical Nurses

A tea was held on Wednesday afternoon, February 6, to honor the student practical nurses who are making up the present new class. The twelve members of the new class have completed the first six weeks of their training once a week on the wards. After a week's vacation, they will be capped and begin a nine months period of intense training in the hospital.

M.G.H. CARIBBEAN TOUR PLANS

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The islands are only five and one-half hours flying time from New York, so it is possible to be abroad and still remain within easy reach of home. Further, there are no complications of passports, inoculations, or visas necessary. The Virgin Islands are American soil, and were purchased from Denmark in 1917. Puerto Rico is voluntarily associated with the U. S.

The cultural atmosphere is definitely foreign. Spanish is spoken, and in Puerto Rico one can visit the harbor where Columbus landed in 1493. English is, however, spoken as an alternative language. The history of the islands is especially fascinating. Old fortresses built in protection from pirates still stand in striking contrast to the world's newest major airport.

The shopping possibilities are quite attractive for there is no duty on purchases brought back to the U. S. Danish silver, Swedish glass, Scotch cashmires, linen, needlework, and mahogany goods are on sale in the markets.

Anyone interested in going on such a trip is urged to contact the Personnel Department, extension 803, so that final plans and reservations may be made. The itinerary will be announced soon.

The M.G.H. Art Club

Members of the Art Club are busily turning the East Pay Cafeteria into an art studio every Wednesday evening from now through the first week in May. Here the members explore the possibilities of a wide range of media: oils, water color, pastel, pencil, or pen and ink; and can work on still life, landscape, or basic and free form.

Instructing the hobby group is Mr. Martin Barooshian, an honors graduate of the Museum of Fine Arts school of art. Mr. Barooshian has taught at the adult education center and recently returned from a trip abroad. Any one interested in joining the group in the future, or in filling in when a member drops out, may call Miss Viden at extension 387.

Bake Sale

Thursday, March 14

Proceeds to buy costumes for "Brigadoon"

Brick Corridor, 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Oxygen Therapy Meeting

The American Association of Inhalation Therapists plans to open a chapter in the Greater Boston area in the near future. An organization meeting will be held in the Bigelow Amphitheatre on White 3A on Monday, March 25, at 7:00 P.M. At this time officers will be elected.

At the meeting the Charter will be read and application for membership will be accepted. The Greater Boston Chapter plans an educational program. All who are interested are urged to attend the first meeting.

Hugh Heney

Staff Wives' Activities

On January 15, in subzero weather, a morning coffee was given in Bartlett Hall by the Staff Wives for visitors from abroad. Mrs. Daniel Ellis was chairman, and everyone was delighted with the turnout despite the weather. About 150 attended including visitors from North and South America, the Orient and Europe. Assisting as pourers were Mrs. Fuller Albright, Mrs. Walter Bauer, Mrs. Perry Culver, Mrs. Dana Farnsworth, Mrs. Chester Jones, and Mrs. Warren Point. The hostesses were Mrs. Reed Harwood, Mrs. Alfred Kranes, Mrs. Arthur Pier, Mrs. Frank Wheelock, and Mrs. Earl Wilkins.

In addition to the other visitors to the Reception Center, a Hungarian family fleeing their homeland and communism arrived. They came with just the clothing they wore when they fled; and the volunteers at the Reception Center were gratified to be able to find them an apartment, clothing, and furniture in practically all the same day.

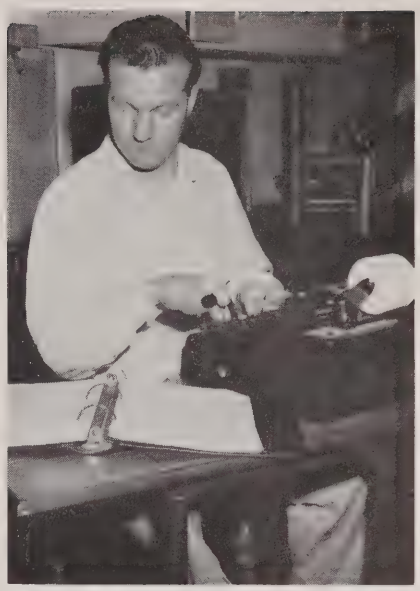
Mrs. Claude Welch recently spoke on the activities of the Staff Wives at the Women's Auxiliary of the Springfield Hospital, which has a large number of foreign interns.

Due to an unforeseen conflict of dates, the new time set for the spring tea will be announced.

National Volunteer Workshop

Miss Mary Ruth Wolf, director of the volunteers, will attend a volunteer workshop from March 4 through March 6 in Chicago, along with other representatives from hospitals throughout the country. Sessions will include discussion of topics such as the need for volunteers, and the basic philosophy behind the volunteer service. The American Hospital Association is initiating the program in order to aid in the development of standards and to provide guidance for those responsible for hospital volunteer groups.

A specially designed game of checkers provides fun as well as treatment. The problem of lifting objects of various shapes, sizes, and weights over a barrier occupies the two arm amputee patients shown above.



Exploring the possibilities of learning a new kind of employment, this patient tries an office machine.

THE BAY STATE MEDICAL REHABILITATION CLINIC

Although the Bay State Clinic is physically and functionally closely associated with the M.G.H., it is an independently administered clinic. It is supported by patient fees, donations, and by the Massachusetts Easter Seal Society.

The object of the Clinic is to serve the severely disabled in their early stages of rehabilitation so that they may function normally to the greatest possible extent. The Clinic aims at total rehabilitation of the total individual, taking all aspects into account: physical, mental, social, vocational, and economic.

The relationship of the M.G.H. and the Clinic is one of close cooperation. One of many autonomous groups on the M.G.H. grounds, the Clinic is independent, although the hospital does have the right to approve professional appointments.

The M.G.H. has its own Physical Medicine Department which handles acute, short-term cases. Opposed to this, the Clinic handles longer-term, severely disabled cases. Being so closely associated with the M.G.H., the Clinic has the advantages of the hospital services available, including bed space. On the other hand the hospital patients may use the Clinic, and can go from one area to the other without going out-of-doors. In both cases fees are paid. Patient records, on patients being mutually treated, are borrowed and loaned by both organizations.

Other links closely bind the Clinic and the M.G.H. It happens that Dr. Arthur L. Watkins, Medical Director of the Clinic is also Chief of Physical Medicine at the M.G.H. and a member of the Medical Service.

For patients this association means that in-patient surgery, medical care, or observation is available—facilities that the Clinic could not itself supply. Out-patients find advantages in being within easy reach of the other clinics of the M.G.H. and the Eye and Ear Infirmary.

About 20% of the Clinic's patients are patients of the M.G.H. Others are referred by private physicians, hospitals, clinics, insurance companies, or social agencies. The handicapped person's need and the Clinic's ability to meet that need are the only prerequisites for admission.

Upon his entrance, a patient receives medical evaluation. Recommendations are made as to his rehabilitation potential by a team composed of staff physicians, medical consultants, physical therapists, occupational therapists, clinical psychologists, medical social workers, vocational counsellor, and coordinator. Physical therapy may be prescribed to hasten physical restoration by improving muscle power, coordination, etc. Through an occupational therapy program, graded activities and actual work processes enable the patient to work toward independence in his activities.

A program has been developed for disabled housewives so that they may learn to carry on and adapt to their handicap. In a model kitchen, labor-saving techniques are taught and applied to meal preparation, sewing, cleaning, laundry and other aspects of daily living. Medical Social Services are provided to study the patient and to assist in his and his family's understanding of problems and goals involved. This evaluation also aids the staff in helping him.

Psychological services including testing, interviewing, and counselling may be given. While no attempt is made at placing people in jobs, prevocational training is provided and the patient is referred to other community agencies that specialize in placement.

In the attractive and friendly atmosphere of the Clinic the patient can feel at home and be encouraged by noticing the progress of other patients around him.

Of special interest to employees of the M.G.H. is the Work Therapy program of the Clinic. In this cooperative program, many patients have been placed in various departments of the hospital where they try working for a short period of time in a realistic work environment. This enables the patient to have an opportunity to use tools, equipment, and be in a work situation that it would be prohibitively expensive or impossible to duplicate in the occupational therapy department of the Clinic.

The Work Therapy program makes possible treatment for the patient who needs increased stimulation and challenge, with an opportunity for improving his work tolerance. It allows further evaluation of the patient and exploration of possibilities for his future. About 20% of the Clinic's

Learning to become independent and to resume as far as is possible normal activities is the goal of these patients. The patient at left learns to walk on artificial legs. In the center a paralytic patient learns again how she may care for her home. At right, a patient learns independence by tying his own shoe.

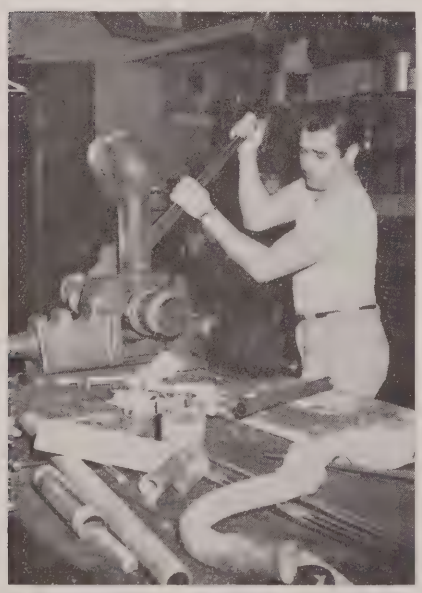
patients have tried this dynamic program. They are patients whose diagnoses have included upper and lower extremity amputees, back injuries, arthritics, paralytics, etc.

Analysis of the type of treatment best suited for each patient is made and the various elements required are found among the departments of the hospital. The patient's previous work record and his interests are, of course, considered.

It is understood that the patient is entering the hospital department to work for his own goals of advanced treatment, and that he is not a part of the hospital production team and will receive no pay for his work. The patient may go as few times as twice or as many times as daily for several weeks. Since this program was begun in 1952, many hospital departments have been successfully used.

In the instrument repair, paint, carpentry, refrigeration, print, electrical, and plumbing shops patients have the opportunity of using machines and hand tools, or using brush and spray equipment, doing welding, and various other jobs. In the Upper Store and the Food Store, they can try loading, lifting and heavy pushing and pulling, etc. In Accounting a business situation is present and clerical machines may be used. The Warren Library has been used for sorting and shelving books, and clerical work has been done in the Pharmacy. In Maintenance the patient has a chance to try heavy construction, while Photography has attracted many who have been seeking a new field for their vocational efforts. In the Laundry and Central Supply Room patients have been able to try their skill at sorting and folding motions. Copying and clerical work have been tried in the Dietary Department. Patients especially interested in gaining confidence in meeting the public have worked for a time at the White Information Desk. Necessarily some departments are limited in the patients they can take. It is understood that the patient's work involves treatment only and that the hospital is under no obligation to employ him.

The cooperation of the hospital departments, in establishing and maintaining this program, has made possible for many patients a thorough treatment that they could not otherwise receive. Due to the program many patients have been able to reach their rehabilitation goals more quickly. They have been glad of the opportunity to try themselves in a working situation where salary, status, etc. are not important and they can concentrate on meeting the requirements of the job.



Patients participate for a time in many of the departments of the M.G.H. as part of an advanced treatment program. Shown above, left, a patient with a back injury tries his hand with heavy tools in the Maintenance Department. On the right, a patient tries the use of his hook in finishing the rough spots on a tool in the Instrument Repair Shop. Other departments are used for patients according to the specialties that each department offers.

Behind the Scenes of "Brigadoon"

As the cast, the chorus, and the dance group go into rehearsals for the coming production of "Brigadoon", there is also in action another whole group of people working to put on the production. These are the committees, and their importance cannot be too much emphasized. It is here that the arrangements are made so that when the night of the first performance comes, the scenery will be in place, the costumes will be ready, and the properties will be handy at the proper moment. There could be no production without all this necessary planning and committee work.

This year, many of the committee chairmen have already been selected. Maria Costanza, of Dietary, will be heading the ticket sales committee, and she is organizing her group early

MISS OLGA MOORE
Chairman of Costume Committee

so that many will have an opportunity to buy tickets. Publicity will be in the hands of Tom Connolly, of Dietary, and will include a wide range of radio and poster advertising. The scenery committee will be headed by Clark Dwinell, while Alice Dunn is leading the dancing group.

Assisting Margot Warner, director, is Dick Rodgers, of Bulfinch Nursing, who is leading the rehearsals of the principals, while the chorus practices at the same time. Stage management is in the hands of Ed Huberman, of Baker X-ray. Barbara Lloyd, a Simmons student nurse, is the pianist for the group.

Responsible for the wealth of administrative details that are necessary in connection with the production, is Dick Snaith, president of the Company. Dick, of Baker Nursing, was active in last year's show, "Finian's Rainbow", both as a cast member and a committee member. He has already been quite busy keeping this year's activities running smoothly, as well as taking part in the cast. Other officers include Tom Connolly, vice-president, and Carroll Schillemat, student nurse, who is acting as secretary in the absence of Eleanor Bahler.

DICK SNAITH
President of Operetta Company

Taking on the large job of chairman of the costume committee, is Olga Moore, of the Blood Bank. She plans to have a bake sale for the benefit of the operetta company on March 14. The purpose of any profits received will be to buy good material so that costumes may be made that will last for several years. In this way, the committee hopes to leave the Company's costume trunk full of garments that can be used from year to year. Over a period of time, this would result in considerable saving and in much finer costumes.

Joan Dunton, wife of David Dunton of the Pharmacy, will head the make-up committee.

JOAN DUNTON
Heads Make-up Committee

MEDICAL RECORDS

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New equipment, much admired by the guests, included the Remington Rand "robot", which greatly facilitates and speeds the posting of the disease and operative index. The hospital is participating in a pilot study with eighteen hospitals all over the country to compare two different methods of accumulating this data.

In the newly redecorated doctors' reading room, guests saw where doctors will be able to relax in comfortable (air conditioned in summer) and attractive surroundings while they complete or do research on the records.

Great interest was shown in the open file system where colored folders were developed as a means of preventing misfiling and where the plastic sign out inserts also allow easy reading of the files.

The medical transcription and correspondence rooms were also redecorated and furnished with desks suitable for sustained transcription. Here the medical transcribers have been able to catch up on a large backlog so that they now complete records within less than forty-eight hours.

Musicians Sought

Employees and others interested in playing or singing for the series of concerts being sponsored by the Staff Wives Association are requested to contact Mrs. John D. Crawford at Clearwater 9-8323. If more convenient, they may leave their names at the Staff Wives Reception Center.

Two concerts, to be held in the Chapel, are planned for March. Leonard Moss, violinist and a member of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, will be accompanied by his wife, Frances Moss, pianist, on March 5. On Wednesday, March 20, Gladys de Almeida, soprano, will be accompanied by Mrs. Seth T. Crawford on the harp.

Hocus-pocus, Diagnosis

Patient: Say Doctor, my jaw has been a little stiff the last few days—what would you suggest?

Doctor: Try using hot applications and come back and see me in a week or so if you're not better.

Patient (some time later): Doctor, I'm really having great difficulty in moving my jaws.

Doctor: Well, take this medicine and come back to see me if it doesn't clear up in two or three days.

Patient (through clenched teeth): D'ct'r, do yu th'nk I c'ld p'ssbly have lockjaw?

Doctor: My goodness, man! Why didn't you say so!

ABOUT FOLKS

General Nursing

We welcome these new members to the Central Supply Room staff: **Louise Cramer, Mitzi Farmer, Daniel Fay,** and **Leo Sacco.**

Miss Stella Frentzos of the White Operating Room recently returned from visiting her homeland, Greece.

Mr. Charles O'Connor has become a new and welcome member of the White Operating Room Staff.

New in the aide training class are **John Bener, Zoe Brown, Esther Cipoletta, Jon Flynn, Edmund Houlihan, David Jones, Marian Lombardi, Margaret McDonald, Mary O'Brien, Elizabeth Pinnex, Helen Ruby, Richard Talbot,** and **Margaret Walsh.**

We are glad to have **Mr. Max Rosen** of the Appliance Room back on duty after recent surgery.

Miss Kay Chester and **Miss Marilyn Kitching,** both of White 7, are sporting a tan recently acquired in Miami, Florida.

Best wishes are extended to **Miss Mary Brecken** of White 6, who recently became engaged; and to **Miss Ann Ricci,** head nurse of White 7 who became engaged to **Mr. Jerry Polcari,** a student at Boston University.

Miss Daphne Corbett, assistant director of White nursing; **Miss Irene O'Leary,** orthopedic supervisor; and **Miss Ellen Morrison,** head nurse of White 9, recently returned from visiting and observing facilities and operations of rehabilitation centers in New York; Warm Springs, Georgia; and Los Angeles.

John McCracken

Dietary Tidbits

We have heard that **Paul Austin** who played "Finian" so delightfully last year, has made the Dean's list at Emerson College where he is preparing for serious work in the field of dramatics.

Carol Johnson has just completed his V.A. training program in the Bake Shop and is now in charge of that unit, while **Paul Normand** is starting a veterans' training program in the Food Store as assistant supervisor.

We welcome back **Mrs. Florence Portnoy** who has returned to Vincent Burnham as diet aide.

We have a note of sadness too and wish to extend friendly sympathy to **Stella Cloutier** of White Building patients food service and to **Joseph Bellantoni** of the Meat Cutting unit in the Food Store. Stella's mother and Joe's sister have passed away since our last issue.

Frances Harvey

Laboratories

Best wishes to **Gersha Kravet** of Pathology Research and to **Margaret Brown** of Dr. Aub's Lab on their recent engagements.

Gene Vitelli and **Theresa Heneghan** enjoyed a skiing trip on Mt. Cranmore, North Conway — no broken bones!

Susan Decker of Pathology Research is planning a ski trip to Mt. Tremblant in March.

Pathology Lab welcomes **Barbara Lamont** in the tissue lab.

Mrs. Marion Gaines head of tissue lab is planning a trip next month to Palm Beach, Florida.

Chemistry Lab welcomes **Maria Panayotou** who comes from Athens, Greece.

We wish to extend our deep sympathy to **Miss Samang Singhadeja** of Chemistry whose father passed away recently.

Jeanne Russell

Pharmacy

We are glad to see **Mary Flaherty** back to work and hope her health continues to improve.

While they are very modest about it, we understand that **Fred Tishler** and **Walter Chiampa** did very well in their Massachusetts College exams.

We are sorry to learn of **Gladys Cook's** accident and hope she makes a quick recovery.

Barney Petkum was injured recently, and we hope he will be back to work soon.

Two of our registered pharmacists have opened their own drug stores. Success to **Anthony Chiampa** and **Frank MacNeil** in their new ventures.

Hugo Bedrossian is enjoying his vacation in sunny Florida as the guest of his brother-in-law. He will stay at the Americano Hotel in Miami Beach where his daughter is the representative.

Agnes McGovern

Eye and Ear

The Personnel Club sponsored a Cake Sale in the basement rotunda on February 15. Mrs. Marilyn Slade of Patients' Accounts was chairman, and the delicious assortment of food was contributed by Infirmary personnel. There was a grand turnout at the sale, and it was a big boost to the Personnel Club's funds.

Occupational Therapy has started a new program of evaluating retina patients to see which patients can benefit most from therapy. Concentration of smaller groups will make treatment more effective and so help shorten hospitalization of retina patients.

Miss Agnes Wheeler, a graduate of Vassar College and the Boston School of Social Work, has joined the Occupational Therapy staff. Miss Wheeler, who was formerly the only therapist in a pilot research study on rehabilitation sponsored by the National Institute of Public Health, will be working in Baker 9.

Dr. Robert E. Klotz and Dr. William E. Montgomery recently joined Dr. George F. Reed as assistants to the Chief of Otolaryngology, Dr. LeRoy A. Schall. Dr. Klotz and Dr. Montgomery, together with Dr. Robert R. Trotter, who previously received a similar appointment under the Chief of Ophthalmology, Dr. Edwin B. Dunphy, have now moved to their first floor offices. Mrs. Eileen Morse and Miss Janice Marquis are their new secretaries.

The new location, formerly Mosher lab space, is off the main corridor leading to the clinics. The area also includes a suite of newly opened emergency treatment rooms, staffed by Miss Claire Bissonnette, R.N. and Miss Rose Jingozian, R.N.

The Infirmary welcomes Mr. Alexander Barcza and Mr. Louis Harvath, two of the Hungarian refugees that have been sponsored by Melrose churches. They are working in the Housekeeping Department.

Other recent arrivals to the Infirmary are Miss Margaret Gately and Mrs. Marjorie Martin, both working in Mr. Denholm Jacobs' office. Mrs. Martin is also working on a volunteer basis for the M.G.H. Chaplain's Office making calls on the patients in both hospitals.

Many of our old friends have received new positions in the hospital. Miss Marie Kazan has moved from the Clerk's Office to the Accounting Office where she is working on the payroll. Mr. George Zinch, formerly a carpenter at the M.G.H., is now working in the Eye & Ear Maintenance department. Mr. George Taylor has transferred from the Nursing Department to Housekeeping, where he is in charge of the storeroom. Miss Sandra Shelton, formerly a secretary in Social Service, recently became secretary to Dr. Schall, replacing Miss Betty Gulli, who was married on February 17th.

Joan Temkin

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New England Hospital Assembly

The thirty-fourth annual meeting of the New England Hospital Assembly is being held March 25 through 27 at the Hotel Statler. Participating will be representatives from six New England states. The aim of the meetings is to provide a program of value to everyone working in the hospital field: personnel, medical staff, and trustees, as well as to hospital administrators.

The keynote of these series of meetings places emphasis on the necessity of cooperation and sharing of responsibility by the many hospital groups working to care for patients.

Mr. Fred D. Foster, assistant director, will participate in a discussion of naturally caused disaster planning, with Civil Defense as his special topic. Taking part in the Housekeeping and Maintenance panel discussion, will be Mr. William J. MacNair, executive housekeeper. This session will stress the interrelationships of the two departments, their mutual needs, contributions, and responsibilities.

Dr. Dean A. Clark, General Director, is a past president of the Assembly (1952), and this year is representing Massachusetts as president elect.

Many people from the M.G.H. are planning to attend the instructional conferences. They will attend sessions in topics such as The Out-Patient Department, Infections in Hospitals, New X-ray Techniques, Setting Hospital Rates, Personnel Policies, etc.

State Housekeepers Meet

Mr. William J. MacNair, superintendent of the Housekeeping Department, was host, on February 20, to the Massachusetts State Housekeepers Association. Representatives from over forty hospitals attended.

The group was welcomed in an address by Dr. Dean A. Clark, General Director. The guest speaker was Mr. Robert Sullivan, chemical director of Skinner and Sherman, research chemists of Stuart Street in Boston. The subject of the talk was the effects of various types of cleaning solutions on floor coverings.

Itinerary for Caribbean Tour

On May 3, a number of M.G.H. personnel, their families and friends, will take a flight from busy La Guardia Field in New York, and, in a matter of hours, will arrive in sunny San Juan, Puerto Rico, to begin an exciting twelve days in the islands.

The cost of the tour is very low: $277.50, a figure which includes transportation, accomodations, meals, sightseeing, and transfers. Flights will be by scheduled air lines, taking advantage of the new Thrift Class between New York and San Juan.

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New Hospital Aide Uniforms

Very popular with the Hospital Aides, and liked by everyone, are the new Hospital Aide uniforms. They consist of a one piece dress and a cap and are thought to be an improvement in appearance and comfort. It is the first time the uniform has been changed since the Hospital Aides program was begun at the M.G.H. in 1946.

The old uniform consisted of a white blouse, which the Aide furnished herself, covered by a blue jumper which opened down the front.

The original request for new uniforms came from an Aide, who suggested that they be changed to something easier to wear and prettier. A committee of the Nursing Service then took up the question and selected the new dress.

The new uniform is a happy combination of the old and the new. Following tradition, the color is a light, sparkling blue, which marks the hospital aide. However, the blue cap with the white band is a complete innovation, something the aides never wore before, and it differentiates them as part of the Nursing Service.

Student Nurses' Show

A musical comedy, written by the Senior Class of the School of Nursing, will be presented by the student nurses on April 4 and 5 at the Museum of Science at 8:00 P.M.

The show is called "Nothing Atoll" and concerns the fate of four new M.G.H. graduates. The leads are Carol Brown, Joan Meade, Joyce Smith and Betty O'Leary, with Nancy Lyons as the native. Accompanist will be Joan MacNaughton. Taking over as chairman for the show is Joyce Smith. Co-chairman Judy Merrill had to resign due to illness.

Everyone is invited to attend. Tickets are $1.25; student tickets are $.75

Mrs. Frances Hennessey, who has been in Baker Nursing since 1946, models the new hospital aide uniform: showing cap at left and full-length dress at right.

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Recognition for Red Cross Volunteers

During the entire month of March, while the Red Cross is having a drive for funds in the Greater Boston area, special recognition is given to the many volunteer services that the Red Cross contributes at the M.G.H. Both children and adult Red Cross workers give their time and effort to the hospital by working either here, outside the hospital, or in other locations in the city. Since 1915, when the first group of Red Cross workers became associated with the hospital, they have contributed many hours of service.

Within the hospital there are three groups: The Gray Ladies, the Nurses Aides, and the Arts and Skills workers.

For twenty-five years the Gray Ladies have been at the M.G.H., recognizable by their gray uniforms with matching gray and white caps. They are often seen busy at work in the clinics, acting as receptionists, making appointments, doing filing. They also have an evening service in the Baker Memorial when they make patients comfortable by serving nourishments and water, by visiting with them, and also answer the phone.

The Nurses Aide program was begun here in 1935. The Aides are trained by the Red Cross to assist nursing personnel in patient care; they work during the evenings and days on the wards and floors. Their uniform consists of a white short sleeved blouse, covered by a light blue pinafore. They wear the Red Cross insignia on their blue caps and on their shoulders.

Dressed in the light green smocks, are the Arts and Skills workers. Since 1948 they have performed services to provide diversion and recreation for patients on the wards and floors. The activity is varied to suit the needs of the patient and includes ceramic work for children; flower and jewelry making, and textile painting for adults.

Working outside the hospital, but closely associated with the Social Service Department, is the Red Cross Motor Service, which since 1919 has provided transportation for patients requiring treatment at the hospital. The Production program is the oldest Red Cross service, having been started in 1915. These workers remain at the local Chapters, but serve the M.G.H. by making thousands of surgeons' operating gowns and caps, towels, half sheets, etc.

On holidays, patients receive special remembrances from the Junior Members of the Red Cross. The children make elaborate tray favors and holiday decorations, toys and games.

In these and many ways the Red Cross workers contribute to our Volunteer program. Our thanks are extended to them for their many splendid services, and we wish them good luck in their current campaign to raise $1,240,073.00 in the Greater Boston area. This campaign is proposed as the last independent Red Cross campaign, for in the autumn the Red Cross will join with the Red Feather and the Salvation Army in the United Drive.

Dedication To David Findlay

"To you, Dave, who in your own humble way, have shown us the spirit of sincere friendliness, thoughtfulness, the value of a cheerful smile, and the gift of giving more of one's self than is demanded, we give our thanks and respectfully dedicate our yearbook."

With these words, the Senior class of the School of Nursing affectionately inscribed their yearbook, the 1956 "Checks". Mr. David Findlay, better known as "Dave", has been with the hospital since 1942 and is an electrician in the Maintenance Department. The many hospital recipients of Dave's generosity, especially in the form of an unexpected gift of candy, join in the above dedication.

Book Club To Be Formed

Anyone from the hospital interested in joining a book club or literary group to hold discussion meetings after working hours, is requested to contact Miss Mary Anne Dalton by sending a note in care of Burnham 6.

Diet Aides' New Program

The Dietary Department has recently reorganized the orientation for new Diet Aides. The program consists of two days spent in learning general information about the Dietary Department and the M.G.H. It includes a tour of the hospital with emphasis on the part played by the Diet Aide in the organization. This is followed by on-the-job training before the Aide begins her regular duties.

Those who have completed the new orientation program and are now working are: Sue Johnson, Baker; Olive Chamberlain, White; Ruth Walcott, White; Inella Adderley, Vincent-Burnham; and Hortence Moysten, Relief.

Future plans for all Diet Aides will include monthly meetings when the Aides will become more familiar with the Department and the hospital by visiting the various units. Mae Dozier

Results of Survey

The results of the recent Blue Cross-Blue Shield survey, taken to find out how many of those enrolled in our group were interested in adding the Prolonged Illness Certificate to their coverage, have indicated that a very small number desired this change.

Only 14% of the total number required from our group, in order to add the certificate to our coverage, were interested. Therefore, it will not be possible at this time for our group to include this type of coverage.

Alley Tallies

Official scorer of the Bowling League, George Boyce, reports that the High Team Total record goes to the Plumbers with 1469, as well as the High Team Single of 519. High Single scorer is David Catalano with 139, while High Three Strings scorer is John Cavallaro with 348.

Team ranking follows the Plumbers in this order: Maintenance, Printing, Misfits, Electricians, and Accounting.

The ten top men with the highest individual averages are:

Malcolm McLean	96
John Murphy	96
Walter Kieseling	95
Daniel Caufield	95
Everett Gray	93
John Kwitkor	93
Conrad Sergott	93
John Cavallaro	93
George Boyce	93
John Mendes	93

More than half way through their season, the bowlers are looking forward to the banquet scheduled for early May.

Miss Irene O'Leary, instructor, demonstrates how to use the lifter with Miss Miriam Huggard acting as the patient. The Refresher Nurses watching from left to right are the Mistresses: Lucille Potter, Jeanette Gows, Katherine Walsh, Iva Harmon, Gueneth Howes, Anne Roope, Roancy Horne, Sigrid DeNinno, Ruth Morrison, Alice Murray, Alexis Harvey, Lois Abbott, Margaret Bays, Clarice Murphy, Louise Donaghue, Rachael Bloomenthal, and Florence Atwater. Not shown is Miss Alice Peterson. At the right, is Miss Anita Olson, Boston University student.

Nursing Again

The Nursing Service is always seeking new avenues of attracting nurses. The Refresher Course, conducted by Staff Education, was a recent attempt to encourage the inactive nurse to return to nursing. By advertising in the newspapers, on radio, and television, eighteen nurses were successfully enrolled in the program. These women had not been active in nursing for a period ranging from ten to thirty years; and they were, with one exception, housewives. It is interesting to note that nursing never seems to lose its attraction to women who have studied in the field; and, therefore, it is not too surprising that this group was a very enthusiastic one. With children of high school age and over, home duties are not so demanding and the return to nursing is possible if desired.

The program began on February 28 and finished on March 8. "I feel so dumb," was heard over and over again from the group during the first days. After six weeks of demonstrations, follow-up practice on the wards, doctors' and nurses' lectures, the consensus was "It's not so bad." Adjustments were made by the group to a nursing situation. The habits of the families were changed, as was happily noted by one nurse. "My family is waiting on me now! My husband helped with housework for the first time in twenty-five years." One member had to change from her role of a "parakeet breeder".

The primary objective of the Refresher Course was to recruit future employees. This was accomplished. Seventeen nurses have signed up for part-time employment. Only one nurse was forced to drop out of the program due to home responsibilities. It is hoped that other Refresher Programs will be possible in the future and will prove to be as successful.

Staff Education

To All Xmployxxs

Xvxn though this typxwritxr is an old modxl, it works quitx wxll xxcxpt for onx of thx kxys. Forty-six kxys function wxll xnough, but just onx kxy not working makxs a big diffxrxncx.

Somxtimxs, our safxty program is somxwhat likx this typxwritxr — not all thx pxoplx arx working safxly.

You may say to yoursxlf, "Wxll, I won't makx or brxak a program." But, it doxs makx a diffxrxncx, bxcausx a safxty program, to bx xffxctivx NXXDS YOUR HXLP, too.

So thx nxxt timx you think you arx only onx pxrson and that your xfforts arx not nxxdxd, rxmxmbxr this typxwritxr and say to yoursxlf, "I am not an xxcxption to safxty rulxs."

Paul Vail

CARIBBEAN TOUR

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Flights between the islands will be First Class. Accommodations will consist of twin-bedded rooms with private shower or bath. Three meals daily will be at hotels or restaurants. About $25 should be added to the above rate to cover train or other fare between Boston and New York. The itinerary is quite varied, allowing free time, as well as including many planned activities.

May 3

Leave New York by air, scheduled air line.

May 4

Arrive San Juan, transfer to Hotel Normandie, which has salt water pool, private beaches and garden terrace.

May 5

Morning sightseeing tour of old and new San Juan. Visit to El Morro Fortress and the Cathedral of San Juan, including San Jose, oldest church in the Western Hemisphere still in constant use. Drive to University of Puerto Rico, returning through colorful residential districts.

May 6

At leisure for shopping, exploring.

May 7

Afternoon sightseeing tour to the Yunque National Rain Forest, through native villages, up the mountain to the heart of the forest. Sugar cane plantations and miles of coconut groves will be seen.

May 8

At leisure.

May 9

Transfer to airport to leave San Juan by air. Arrive St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. To Hotel Grand located in the quaint capital of Charlotte Amalie.

May 10

A jeep tour around the coast and over the picturesque mountain roads.

May 11

At leisure to enjoy magnificent beaches, or the fascinating town.

May 12

A full day excursion by boat to St. John, the smallest of these lovely isles. Time ashore for exploring and swimming. Back to St. Thomas by early evening.

May 13

At leisure.

May 14

Morning flight for San Juan; lunch at the airport. Afternoon flight for home, arriving New York about 8:00 P.M.

Deadline for the Caribbean Tour is April 15. Those interested in going must have a minimum deposit of $25 in the Personnel Department by that date.

"BRIGA

In Rehearsal

The surrounding pictures show some of the members of the M.G.H. Operetta Company as they practice for the coming production of Loewe and Lerner's "Brigadoon". With less than one month left before the performances, the pace is quickening, excitement is mounting, and the show is beginning to take form.

Top Left: Dick Rogers, Maurice Fontaine, and Paul Austin check the director's score.

Center Left: The chorus practices, with some of the dancers in front.

Bottom Left: Charlie Dalrymple (Maurice Fontaine) sings "I'll go home with Bonny Jean" to Jane Kissling as Jean.

Bottom Center: (Starting front row, left to right) Jane Kissling, Carol Schillemat, Joan Dunton, then Paul Austin, Bob Roth, Dave Dunton, and then Dick Rogers, Maurice Fontaine, Kathy Arbuckle, and Dick Snaith.

Bottom Right: Miss Margot Warner, musical director; and Barbara Lloyd, pianist.

Center Right: Jeff Douglas and Fiona are played by Paul Austin and Carrol Schillemat.

Top Right: Dick Rogers and rehearsing members of the chorus.

Buy Your Tickets Now

Tickets for the show may be purchased from any of the people on the Ticket Committee, as listed below.

DOON"

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SPOTLIGHT ON THE BOSTON EYE BANK

by Joan Temkin

The telephone rings — "The Boston Eye Bank. Yes . . . How long ago? Within the hour? Do we have the permission of the next of kin? Yes. Then I'll make arrangements immediately."

Once again a thoughtful person has remembered the Eye Bank, and through his generosity a blind person will be given a chance to see.

Miss June Vine, Executive Secretary of the Eye Bank, next consults her list to see which eye surgeon is in line to receive corneal tissue for transplant. The doctor in turn notifies his patient.

When the eye donor is at the M.G.H., the junior Eye Resident on call at the Eye and Ear Infirmary will perform the enucleation; and the procedure for getting the eye tissue to the Eye Bank is relatively simple.

But as in the past ten years the number of hospitals affiliated with the Eye Bank has grown to 78 located throughout New England, much more is involved in transporting eye donations from other hospitals.

Since the removal of the eye must be within an hour after death and must take place under sterile conditions, the affiliated hospitals have to provide facilities for the enucleation which their staff doctors perform. The hospitals also cooperate by distributing Eye Bank leaflets and donor forms to interested persons.

Airlines are often contacted, and their pilots and flight operations staff help in the important work of long distance eye transportation. The conductors and station masters of the railroad also assist. Through such cooperation, eye donations from seventy-eight New England hospitals are coordinated by the Eye Bank.

Miss June Vine receives eye tissue from Officer Joseph F. Keane showing how the local and state police, the Red Cross drivers, and even private individuals voluntarily often give their services to speed the carrying of eye tissue to meet 24 hour limit.

The Eye Bank is staffed solely by its Executive Secretary and therefore, Miss Vine must be on 24 hour call. Once she has been informed of an Eye Bank case, she will make arrangements for transportation, relying upon the aid and cooperation of many groups and individuals. She may well have to contact the pilots and flight operations staff of Eastern or Northeast airlines, the conductors and station masters of the major Eastern railroads, Red Cross drivers, local and state police, and even call on private individuals who voluntarily give their services in transporting eye tissue. Recently two businessmen interrupted their day's work to bring some eyes from a Cape Cod hospital to the Eye Bank.

The Eye Bank was founded ten years ago by Dr. Edwin B. Dunphy, Chief of the Ophthalmological Service of the Infirmary. Dr. Dunphy had

A patient talks with the ward secretary in the Eye and Ear Infirmary after having a transplant operation. Over two hundred people have been given sight through this operation made possible by work of the Eye Bank.

become interested in the New York Eye Bank for Sight Restoration, Inc., established the year before, and he decided to start a similar Eye Bank in Boston to serve New England.

Procedures were drawn up by a Board of Sponsors, and an Executive Committee was appointed with Dr. Garrett L. Sullivan as Executive Director. Although the Eye Bank is housed within the Infirmary, its support from the first has come entirely from voluntary contributions. Initial funds for the project were contributed by the Infirmary's Ladies Visiting Committee. Its sponsorship was later taken up by the Junior League which withdrew in 1955, expressing the hope that the public would continue the support of the Eye Bank.

The corneal transplant operation, made possible by the work of the Eye Bank, has given sight to over two hundred people, in the New England area and beyond, who were afflicted with blindness. Only those who have lost their sight through corneal defects caused by disease or accident can benefit from a transplant.

Although the corneal transplant is usually associated with the sight restoration program of the Eye Bank, it would be a mistake to underestimate the important research to which the Eye Bank contributes. The knowledge gained from research is contributing to the prevention and cure of many causes of blindness. Although no eye is ever used for research if it is suitable for transplant, eye tissue has been given to the Howe Laboratory of Ophthalmology for research on glaucoma and on chemical injuries of the cornea, and to the Retina Foundation for studies of the chemical and physical structure of the vitreous body.

Several research projects concerned with corneal transplantation have been sponsored through the generosity of certain groups and individuals. In 1952 a special grant made possible a basic research study on corneal metabolism, using the facilities of the Howe Laboratory. Dr. Toichiro Kuwabara worked under the direction of Dr. David G. Cogan in a study concerned with the deposition of fat in the cornea, a problem ultimately related to corneal transplantation. The Eye Bank is now sponsoring a project conducted by Dr. David D. Donaldson who is working on developing and perfecting a device for measuring corneal thickness. This may help establish whether the thickness of a diseased cornea is a factor in determining the suitability of an eye for transplant.

There are no age limits on the donation of eyes, nor does the wearing of glasses, previous eye surgery, or diseases of the eye have any bearing on eye donations. Eyes can neither be bought nor sold. No doctor will remove an eye from a living person for other than medical reasons. The Eye Bank never charges for its services. Eye tissue is furnished free to patients, and there is no fee for the removal of donated eyes.

Recently the Eye Bank acquired funds enabling it to issue identification cards for registered donors to carry at all times. These cards, signed by the donors, must be co-signed by their next of kin whose cooperation is essential legally for carrying out the donor's wishes.

Miss Vine is often called upon to speak to groups about the work of the Eye Bank and to show the educational film called "Eyes of Service," which describes an actual case history. When she is asked to speak in areas where transportation is not available, Miss Vine mails the film to the interested group and sends to the chairman a guide sheet for a panel discussion, consisting of the questions and answers that are most commonly brought up at her lectures.

Recent publicity, stemming from the appearance of Miss Vine, Dr. Sullivan and Dr. Brendan D. Leahey, a member of the Executive Committee, on the television program, "200 A.D.," on which they described the work of the Eye Bank, has elicited a great deal of public response. Several cases have come as a direct result of the program, and there have been many inquiries from potential donors. A continuing program of education and information to keep the public aware and interested is necesary if the Eye Bank is to continue its fight against blindness.

For a donor form
contact the
Boston Eye Bank
extension 567.

A patient, after recovery from the transplant operation, returns to her job. The significance of sight restoration statistics becomes clear only when reduced to particular cases. "To bring sight to just one person justifies our existence."

ABOUT FOLKS

Housekeeping

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to **Mr. Charles A. Roche** of Housekeeping and to **Miss Mildred Fitzpatrick** of Baker 6 on the recent announcement of their engagement.

We welcome to the Department, our new secretary, **Mrs. Charlotte M. Pina**; she has transferred to us from the Correspondence Department and is doing a fine job. We hope she will remain with us a long time.

Richard Aldrich

General Nursing

White Operating Room welcomes to its staff: **Ernest Whiting** and **William Mullen.**

The former **Agnes Cahoon** of White Operating Room recently became a bride and spent her honeymoon in Hollywood, Florida.

Miss Irene O'Leary and **Miss Gertrude Parkhurst**, supervisors, recently vacationed in Canada.

White 10 has a new ward helper, **Miss Muriel Thompson.**

Mrs. Edna Hackett has returned to Overnight Ward as administrative secretary.

Mr. Alfred McDonough, White operating room, returned from vacationing in Tampa, Florida.

A welcome is given to both **Audrey Carlson and Eileen Mulcahy**, new staff nurses on White 11 and 5 respectively.

Mr. David Salbucci has transferred to the Huntington Labs from the White operating room.

Agnes Marcel, of White 10, recently completed a neurological course at McGill University in Montreal.

The new ward helper being welcomed on White 7, is **Barbara Butler.**

Mr. Donald Snowden has joined the Emergency Ward night staff as an aide.

The following are new M.G.H. graduates and have been assigned as follows: **Sarah Buckley**, White 6; **Barbara Mooney**, E. W.; **Sheila Fitzpatrick**, Overnight Ward; **Pauline Murray**, E. W.; **Mildred Jordan**, White 6; and **Miss Geuuther** as a night float.

Mrs. Jeanette Gowe, of White 11, and **Mrs. Alexis Harvey**, of White 6 are now doing part time duty after taking the Refresher Course. **Mrs. Roancy Horne** and **Mrs. Lois Abbott** are two refreshers assigned to White 6 and White 9.

We are happy to see **Mr. Patrick Kilcoyne**, of the Appliance Room, back on duty after his recent sickness.

John McCracken

Baker Nursing

Welcome back to **Joe Silva** and **Joseph Reeve** who have recently been patients in the hospital.

Francis Kiluk and **Barbara Riley** have just returned from two weeks on a Caribbean cruise.

Miss Doris Shea is now on Baker 4; she is an L.P.N. from Westboro State Hospital.

Gone to Florida for two and a half weeks are **Mary Conway**, supervisor, and **Ruth Prior**, head nurse on Baker 4.

Dick Snaith

X-ray

We are glad to welcome **Katherine Colbert** back to work after her recent operation.

Mr. Thomas F. Mackey has returned to General X-ray after being operated on. We are glad he is recovered.

Recuperating in the Bulfinch building from a heart attack, is Mr. **Phillip Wright**; we wish him a speedy recovery.

Dr. Justin Huppe is back to work in the White building after being in an automobile accident.

Hospitalized in the Phillips House, is **Miss Anne Lynch**, head technician, after an operation. Best wishes for a quick convalescence.

Good luck to **Miss Marie Sevitella**, who is leaving for a new position — we will miss her.

Miss Eugenia Asdourian has recently become engaged. **Miss Mary Louise Brady**, secretary in the Tumor Clinic, has become engaged to Mr. John F. Daley, a student at Boston College — a fall wedding is planned.

Mary Profirio

Pharmacy

Jean Travers spent a pleasant weekend in New Jersey visiting Mrs. Hillebrandt, the former Thelma Lezberg of the Pharmacy.

It's nice to see **Gladys Cook** back after her illness.

We extend our sympathy to **Hugo Bedrossian** upon the death of his brother-in-law, Leon Boghossian.

Miss Eileen McLaughlin has returned from a week's vacation which she seems to have enjoyed.

Katherine Higgins, of the Telephone Office, who has been with the hospital since 1930, is back at work again after her illness.

We welcome **Mr. Hernan Retamal** who is studying in the U. S. on a fellowship for one year.

Agnes McGovern

The Eye and Ear

Many Infirmary personnel attended the instructional conferences held under the auspices of the New England Hospital Assembly. Among them were Mr. Charles T. Wood, assistant director; Miss Henrietta I. Olsen, administrative assistant; Dr. Jesse Brown, chief anesthesiologist; Mr. Kenneth Cadman, executive housekeeper; Mrs. Patricia Huddleston, director of occupational therapy; Miss Patricia Walsh, director of dietary department; Mrs. Virginia Gerould, director of public relations; Miss Isabel Whiting, director of social service; Miss Anita Mangiaricine, bacteriologist; and representatives from the Nursing Department and Ladies Visiting Committee.

Thirty students, from Boston University, who are taking Dr. Alan Feldman's course in Hearing Testing and Diagnosis at the School of Education, are participating in a program at the Winthrop Foundation. Specializing in speech and hearing, they are observing hearing tests and learning to give the audiograms themselves.

Miss Jean Davison is the new audiologist in the Winthrop Foundation. A recent graduate of the University of Michigan, she will be working with Miss Charlotte Rubin.

Miss Barbara Bourns and Miss Jud Holt, from the Boston School of Occupational Therapy, are working in the O. T. Department. Miss Bourns, a graduate of the College of Wooster, and Miss Holt, a Smith graduate, are helping with eye patients.

The Nursing Department announces that Mrs. Constance Niedzinski has replaced Miss Connie Chevalier, who is training to be an assistant manager at Slenderella. Miss Elsie Salmi, previously an instructor in Nursing, is now teaching in Alexandria, Egypt, for the World Health Organization.

Other new employees are Mrs. Charles Gamble, who is working in the Operating Room; and Miss Merna Carl, medical records secretary.

The Infirmary welcomes back some old friends. Dr. Alfred Hurst has completed his military duty and is again an E.N.T. resident. Miss Olive Portlock has returned to Dietary, and Miss Gail Cohen to the Admitting Office.

Best wishes to Miss Janice Jordan, of the Secretaries Office, who recently became engaged.

Joan Temkin

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Dr. Aub Honored Nationally

Dr. Joseph C. Aub, Physician and member of the Board of Consultation, was recently elected a member of the National Academy of Sciences in Washington. This honorary position places him in an advisory capacity to the government in all phases of Science.

The National Academy of Sciences was incorporated by Congress in 1863 when Abraham Lincoln was President. Its object is that it shall "whenever called upon by any department of the Government, investigate, examine, experiment and report upon any subject of science or art." Being elected to a group with so distinguished and limited a membership affords special recognition to Dr. Aub's many achievements in research and teaching, his many publications, and his generally brilliant career.

National Hospital Week

During one week, this year from May 12 through 18, the spotlight is aimed at all the hospitals of the U. S. and Canada. This gives them a chance to show to the public their many-sided services, their plans, and important needs. For the theme this year, "Careers That Count", was chosen to emphasize and focus attention on career opportunities for young people in the hospital field.

On May 15, at the invitation of the M.G.H., students from surrounding schools and colleges visited the hospital for a one day, eye-opening program.

Acting as co-chairmen of the program were Mrs. Edwin F. Cave, of the Ladies Visiting Committee, and Mrs. William R. MacAusland, Jr., of Staff Wives. They were assisted with the invitations by Mrs. Charles McKhann, III, of the Distaff Club, and Mrs. William P. Rogers, Jr., of the Staff Wives. Helping with the exhibits were Mrs. Wheaton Kittredge, Jr., Ladies Visiting Committee, and Mrs. Edmund Rice, Vincent Board of Managers. Mrs. Rogers also helped with the tours. In charge of films were Mrs. John Dono-

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Governor's Wife Visits M.G.H.

Mrs. Foster Furcolo, wife of the Governor of the commonwealth, included her recent trip to the M.G.H. in the first of a series of exclusive articles written for the Boston Globe.

She wrote of how much she enjoyed being the luncheon guest of the Trustees of the hospital and of her afternoon tour through many of the departments. She reported on her tour through the pharmacy and said how fascinated she was to watch the manufacture of pills and capsules.

During her visit to the Warren building she was able to watch the use of equipment such as the electronic microscope. During her stay, she also visited the Bulfinch building and its famous Ether Dome.

Mrs. Foster Furcolo talks with Dr. Dean A. Clark, General Director, left; and Mr. Francis C. Gray, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, right.

Huge Success For "Brigadoon"

Playing three evenings to a packed hall, the M.G.H. Operetta Company's production of "Brigadoon" has been called a huge success by all those who attended or in any way participated. The performances under the direction of Miss Margot Warner, were considered another step forward in the Company's progression in musical and dramatic work during the last eight years. This year's production reached a new height in the performances of the principals, the dancers and chorus, and of the Company as a whole.

It was a humorous show: the banter between Paul Austin, as Jeff, and Anne Schwer, as Meg, was well appreciated. It was gay: Maurice Fontaine, as Charlie, and Jane Kissling, as Jean, were delightful as the wedding couple. It was romantic: Dick Rogers, as Tommy, and Fiona, played by Carrol Schillemat, sang magnificiently in their lovely duets. The music was excellent: special recognition goes to Barbara Lloyd for her very fine piano playing. It had its touch of tragedy: Dave Dunton, as Harry, danced the sword dance and then threatened the whole village. It delighted the eye: Alice Dunn and the dancers were especially skillful; and the costumes, by Olga Moore, were

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Why May 12 to 18?

"There is no great hospital today which does not bear upon it the impress of her mind." This has been said of Florence Nightingale; and in honor of her, National Hospital Week is traditionally held during the week closest to her birthday on May 12. Who was this woman who has had such a profound influence upon our hospitals and who is also known to us as the founder of modern nursing. There are two views of her: one is the legend, the other is the woman as she actually was.

Today, to be a "Florence Nightingale" means to be long-enduring, unselfish and giving, gentle, retiring, self-effacing. It means to accomplish almost-miracles in the face of overwhelming opposition. For Miss Nightingale is above all else a legendary figure, and the real woman is usually highly colored by the romantic and popular conceptions. The view we are shown of her is the one of a delicate maiden, of well-to-do family, who threw aside the pleasures of a life of ease to care for the afflicted. She is the "Lady of the Lamp" gliding through the Crimean hospitals to bring the radiance of her goodness to relieve the suffering soldiers.

There she worked twenty or more hours a day in operating rooms and wards. Through her gentle influence, she worked wonders. And at night she walked through the wards alone, lamp in hand, to personally tend the patients. After months of this she became ill herself and almost died, but still she refused to leave her post.

Finally the Queen sent a man-of-war to bring her home for a triumphal entry into London, but she very

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REUNITED AT LAST!

After more than five months of separation, Mr. Endre Gulyas, of White O.R., the Hungarian refugee sponsored by the hospital, is overjoyed to have his wife, Margit, and their son, Laszlo, join him safely in this country.

New Member to M.G.H. Family

No matter what it's called, whether by its popular name, beech, its scientific name, Fagus grandifolia, or by the nickname that Mr. Joseph Degen has given it, "arbor vitae controversialis," there is a new tree in the patio between the Warren and Baker buildings. Around thirty feet high, the tree is about forty years old.

The tree was chosen, after much discussion, primarily because it is known to be a variety that will stand city conditions of smoke and fumes, and it is a type that stood up well during the hurricanes.

Transplanting any tree will set it back for a while and the very hot weather has taken a toll, but it is expected to make a good recovery. Following a schedule, the same day, the crane went on to lift a new autoclave into the central supply room in the White building.

TALLIED ALLEYS: BOWLERS' BANQUET

THE POWERFUL PLUMBERS: were the winning team of both halves of the league season. They were awarded sports jackets for their victory. Shown above, back row, left to right, are John Cavallaro, George MacKinnon, and Captain John Kwitkor; and next row, Everett Gray and John Murphy. All are of the Maintenance Department.

The grand finale of the M.G.H. Bowling League season was a banquet held for the members and their guests at the Metropolitan Caterers Hall in Brighton on May 11. The bowlers assembled for an evening of entertainment, dinner, refreshment, and dancing. Awards were presented and plans for the coming season were made.

With over sixty-four people attending, the diner-dance was highly successful. The menu of roast beef was served family style around large, informal tables. Dancing was from 8:30 to midnight to a five piece orchestra. The banquet was arranged by the officers of the league, with Mr. Carl Dexter in charge of refreshments. Guest of honor, was Mr. Roy Moon, who spoke in congratulations and presented the trophies and awards to the winners. Mr. Donald Withee, of the photography laboratory, was also a guest.

The top scorers for the second half of this season were:

Mal McLean	96
John Murphy	95
Everett Gray	94
Walter Kieseling	94
Conrad Sergott	94

There was an unusually large number of players with a score of 93, so they are arranged below in alphabetical order:

George Boyce
David Catalano
Daniel Caufield
John Cavallaro
Ralph Cluff
John Kwitkor
George MacKinnon
John Mendes

As the league looks forward to another season coming up in the Fall, they hope to increase the membership and the number of teams participating. In the past there have been many requests from women to join the league. Plans are now being made to set up teams for women during the next year.

AWARD WINNERS: Back row, left to right, were LeRoy F. Moon, guest speaker; George MacKinnon, Plumber; George Boyce, official scorer, wearing special decoration from the winning team; John Murphy, Plumber; Ralph Cluff, league president. Next row: Dave Catalano, high scorer (139); Everett Gray, Plumber; John Kwitkor, Plumber; John Cavallaro, high three string scorer (345); and Mal McLean, who accepted handicap bowling award for Eddy Butters.

"M.G.H. Golf Club"

Three former employees of the hospital are currently constructing a nine-hole golf course on Oak Street in South Tewksbury. They are George McMahon, president; George E. Hamilton, secretary; and Justin F. Parsons, treasurer. The course will be ready for its opening on May 15.

BOWLERS AND THEIR GUESTS: at the informal banquet which was attended by over sixty people.

THE CABINET: Left to right are Conrad Sergott, of Accounting, treasurer; George Boyce, of Planning and Construction, recorder; Malcolm McLean, of Maintenance, vice-president; and Ralph Cluff, of the Print Shop, president.

HOSPITAL WEEK

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van and Mrs. Claude E. H. Palmer, of the Ladies Visiting Committee of the Bay State Medical Rehabilitation Clinic.

In the Brick Corridor, exhibits were set up to demonstrate and give information on some twenty educational and training programs in which about one thousand students are enrolled at the M.G.H.

WHY MAY 12-18?

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modestly slipped home by a French ship. Then nursing schools were founded in her name, and a new interest in medical care gave impetus to many plans and programs. This is the legend. Actually it is only partly true, or rather, part of the truth. For if Miss Nightingale had died out in the Crimea, our view of her would not be much different. It was then that her reputation was made. Actually, the Crimea was only the beginning of a long, active, and effective career. It was only a stepping stone to hard work, work that was to show a nature very different from the gentle lady of the popular conception. There is another whole side to her personality. Let's look at the actual woman.

If the real Miss Nightingale is quite different from the legend, she is also a much more human and believable person. When young, she was not at all interested in the endless rounds that society required, or in the boring young men who came courting. She felt that she was "too moral and active" to be satisfied with this kind of life and that a Victorian marriage would be too staid and stultifying. She longed for an activity that would absorb all her talents and energies.

She volunteered her services in the Crimea at the same time she was asked to go. There she found that conditions were even worse than the public knew. Medical arrangements had broken down completely. Individual mistakes and follies were multiplied by red tape and outdated methods. The result was a horror of confusion, dirt, misery, and neglect.

For example, medical supplies were going back and forth in the holds of ships.

After Florence Nightingale's arrival conditions slowly began to improve. When government stores failed she drew on private means to procure needed materials. She reorganized and gave direction to everything from laundry and kitchen to rebuilding hospital areas. She was a nurse, but she was also the administrative chief of the whole area and had 10,000 men under her. This was the gentle "lady of the lamp", but her heroism was not of the romantic, angelic kind. It was made of hardness, stern discipline, strict method, ceaseless labor, and determination. She was the picture of the perfect lady, but she had a scorching temper and a commanding voice. She appealed to the popular imagination; the people went wild in adoration of her. Royality listened to her recommendations. She was a myth, a legend, during her own time and she knew it and used her power to bend cabinet members and ministers to do her will.

Gradually as she became older, her direct influence waned. Only the legend remained. The powerful, dynamic woman who would use any means to achieve her ends, was left to us as the gentle, angelic, "lady of the lamp."

Miss Ruth Sleeper Named

Ruth Sleeper, R. N., Director of the School of Nursing and Nursing Service, has been nominated for second Vice-President of the International Council of Nurses. Elections will be held in Rome at the 11th International Council of Nurses Quadrennial Congress during May.

Surprise Party for Miss Leah Cook

Members of the Social Service Department of the Eye and Ear Infirmary attended a gala surprise party for Miss Leah Cook, who has been secretary in the department for twenty-nine years. The party took place at the home of Miss Mary Love where Miss Cook was presented with a camera. The social service students and several of the staff then presented a skit tracing some of the outstanding work that Miss Cook has done for the Infirmary over the years.

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classically beautiful and were complimented by the kilts. It had a message: put across by Ed Huberman, playing the school teacher, Mr. Lundie.

The main performances are now over, but activities are still going on. On May 6, thirteen members of the cast represented the Company and sang five numbers from the show over the Boston radio station, W.E.E.I. Miss Warner was interviewed by Carl Moore; and the songs were interspersed with news and recordings on his show, which lasted from 4:30 to 6:00.

On May 21, the dancers, Maurice Fontaine, and Jane Kissling will do the "Come to Me" number for the M.G.H. "Pops." Then on May 28, selections will be presented for patients.

There is so much about the show that will be long remembered. Aside from a production well-done, there was the usual behind-the-scenes activities that are part of the lighter side of any show: Tommy Connolly was practicing carrying Dave Dunton and almost dropped him when he realized that he was supposed to be on stage . . . Maurice Fontaine was wounded in action from the knife hidden in his stocking . . . Olga Moore found unusual costume materials in Mrs. Warner's attic . . . the tree stump that was a little too hollow when Paul Austin hit his head on it . . . the lovely party, given by Mr. and Mrs. Phillips Ketchum, so refreshing after the last show . . . Barbara Lloyd almost having to play in the dark one night . . . Chaplain Spofford in his bright red coat and kilt chasing the runaway . . . Miss Huggard's and Mrs. McGovern's surprise when three kilted scotsmen led by Dick Snaith gave awards for ticket sales . . . Alice Dunn's specially made silver Tam o' Shanter in appreciation of all her efforts in leading the dancers . . . Maria Costanza and Mary Kelley wondering, as they watched the house filling on all three nights, if it were oversold . . . Richard Rogers and Kathy Arbuckle in the bar scene on the last night when the property committee outdid itself . . . Steve Buchanan for his taking over the lights at the last moment . . . Bob Roth getting tangled with rocks and stumps in the wings . . . Anne Schwer wondering if she would ever live down the part of Meg . . . Joan Coombs saying goodby to her fish and sadly depositing them in the Charles . . .

Plans are being made now for the next performance, which may take on a new form, and which will undoubtedly put the Company another step ahead.

Miss Adele Khoury in Recital

Miss Adele Khoury, secretary in Anesthesia, held a recital at the New England Conservatory of Music on April 16. The concert was under the co-sponsorship of the Boston Syrian Women's Club and the Syrian-Lebanese Child Welfare Association. Many people from the M.G.H. were present to hear the varied program, which included pieces by Purcell, Beethoven, Shubert, as well as by contemporary composers.

The concert was for the benefit of the Scholarship Fund and the Camp Hammond Fund; the purpose of the former is to send on to college, each year, two girls just graduating from high school, while the latter helps to send underprivileged children out of the city for a few months in the summer.

Miss Khoury studied drama at Emerson College and has been active in musical events, holding several other concerts. She is well-known for her part of the Queen in the M.G.H. Operetta Company's first production, "Iolanthe."

Credit Grantors Re-Elect Miss Hernan

Miss Frances M. Hernan, credit manager of the M.G.H., also holds the distinction of being re-elected president of the Retail Credit Grantors of New England and Eastern Canada.

The organization recently held its 36th annual conference at the New Ocean House in Swampscott with "This Credit Age" as the theme of the meetings. Dr. Dean A. Clark, General Director, was one of the speakers with his topic the "Hospital Credit Problem."

Miss Hernan is the first woman to be honored with the presidency of this extensive organization of credit grantors. She also serves as a national director of the group.

Aides Attend Dietetic Meeting

The diet aides were guests of the Department at the Massachusetts Dietetic Association's monthly meeting which was held at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital on Tuesday evening, April 8.

Attending from the Vincent-Burnham, were Mrs. Hilda Chappel, Mrs. Barbara Nilson, and Mrs. Kathleen Taylor. Miss Mary Austin, of Bulfinch; Mrs. Stacle Kane, of Baker; and Mrs. Katherine Power, of the White building, also went to the meeting.

The program was presented by Dr. Frederic Stare, a professor of nutrition, Harvard School of Public Health, and consisted of talks by Dr. Leo Sinestra, who is doing a study at the Roxbury Veterans Administration Hospital using a formula diet, and by Dr. Martha Trulson, who has recently returned from mining areas in South Africa.

Frances Harvey

Spring Formal

The roof of the Parker House on Tremont Street was the location chosen for this year's spring formal on May 17. Sponsored by the M.G.H. Trustees, General Director, Staff Wives Association, and Distaff Club, this is the fourth such annual dance to be held—it was well attended by hospital personnel.

ABOUT FOLKS

Dietary Tidbits

Joseph Winters, of Baker kitchen, is undergoing dental surgery — we hope he will be completely recovered very soon.

Ann Larsen, also of Baker kitchen, has chosen California for her vacation.

Tom Connolly, of recent "Brigadoon" fame, has transferred to Pathology — in line with studies he expects to pursue. His father, the chef in White kitchen, is staying close to his post making sure that we have our delicious roast beef, etc. day after day.

Mrs. Aledya Drozds, Bulfinch diet aide, was guest at a farewell party on the occasion of her recent resignation. She plans to devote her whole attention to home and family, after six years with us.

We are happy to welcome back **Mrs. Mae McCarthy** to the cafeteria, after her several weeks of illness.

Mrs. Madeline O'Meara, cashier in East Cafeteria, has a new grandson: a very nice boy.

Frances Harvey

Pharmacy

A party was held April 17 to say "au revoir" to **Christine Lane** upon her retirement. Best wishes to her from all.

Mary Paxinos is leaving, to await a blessed event, and we wish her the best.

We are happy to learn that **Mr. Cervizzi,** father of **Vincent** and **Dominic,** is improving in health.

A bundle of joy arrived at **Louis Pacifico's** house —an 8½ pound boy.

Agnes McGovern

Our sympathy is extended to **Mrs. Agnes McGovern,** who recently lost her mother-in-law. —Ed.

General Nursing

The following have already taken advantage of the vacation season: **Miss Elizabeth Grogan,** supervisor, and her sister, took a trip to Bermuda.

Miss Helen Coghlan, assistant director of O. R.'s stayed at Harwichport.

Mrs. Joanne Hughes, head nurse, traveled to Florida with her husband.

Mr. Hugh Heney, appliance room, motored to Canada with his uncle.

Miss Bjork Hanson, W.O.R., left for her homeland in Norway.

Mrs. Sylvia Rock, formerly of W.O.R., has become office nurse and receptionist for Drs. McGovern and Ganz.

Miss Marie Dionne, of Cystoscopy, recently became Mrs. Viglironi.

White 5B welcomes **Miss Evelyn Silver** to the staff as ward helper.

And a welcome to the new aides: **Verona Brooks,** V3; **Estelle Drummie,** Baker 7; **Elizabeth Fernandez,** W6; **Alice Pearson,** O.N.W.; **Muriel Rose,** W10; **Gretchen Sampson,** W11; **Mary Ringer,** Baker 7; **Paul White,** W6; **Willie Dendy,** Baker 5; and **Franklyn Bazley,** B6.

It is a pleasure to see **Mr. Max Hoerres** back on duty on B3 after having surgery.

We are very happy to see **Miss S. Daphne Corbett,** assistant director of White nursing, back on duty after recently having undergone surgery.

Jack McCracken

The Eye and Ear

Members of the Infirmary's Personnel Club and their guests spent a wonderful "Night in Las Vegas" on Thursday, May 16. A gala atmosphere prevailed, complete with roulette wheels, dice tables, card games, and free refreshments. The only difference was the location—the cafeteria instead of Nevada! The proceeds collected are going towards the summer event that the Club is now planning. More will be announced about that shortly.

Mr. Charles Wood, Assistant Director of the hospital, presented National Hospital Association pins to those volunteers who have given 100 hours of service to the Infirmary within the year. The six workers who received the pins were Miss Margaret Myhr, Miss Nancy Bowers, and Miss Carol Forsythe from Perry Normal School who have participated in the Nursery Training Program in the Children's Ward, and Miss Helen Sperakis, Mrs. Adele Gruener, and Mrs. Robert Heckman who work in the Eye Clinic. All the current volunteers were given carnations to match the cherry red smocks worn by volunteers all over the country.

On Sunday, May 5, nearly 100 men and women who have recovered from cancer gathered at the Hotel Statler to celebrate the tenth anniversary of their very unique club. The Cured Cancer Club was started in 1947 by a group of laryngectomee patients at the Infirmary who were learning to speak again with a new esophageal voice under the guidance of Mrs. Paul A. Doehler. Since that time patients with other types of cancer have joined the club. Through a series of sales and events the Club reached its goal of $10,000 for its "Free Bed Fund" at the Infirmary and is now working towards another $10,000.

The Ladies Visiting Committee reports that its annual Rummage Sale was a huge success. The Sale brought in $1800, and the money will be used to benefit patients and personnel at the Infirmary. The Ladies wish to thank all Infirmary personnel for their splendid cooperation.

Everyone has commented on the attractive window displays in the Gift Shop. The windows are designed by Mrs. Rosanna Kazanjian, Shop manager, who selects the material and arranges the displays herself.

Congratulations to Mr. Kenneth Cadman, formerly Executive Housekeeper, who was recently made an Administrative Assistant and to Mr. William Cohan who has become Housekeeper.

Our best wishes to Miss June Vine, Executive Secretary of the Eye Bank, who recently became engaged.

Joan Temkin

Laboratories

Spring is really here in the labs, as this news will show. We'd like to extend best wishes to each of the following.

Mary J. Waddell, of Dr. Bauer's lab, and **Karl H. Wegner** are making plans for a June wedding. Her fiance is a student at Harvard Medical with a fellowship in pathology at the M.G.H.

In Pathology, **Susan Decker** and William King Jr. are planning a September wedding; while **Barbara Brennan** is engaged to Vincent Carney. On April 7, **Gersha Kravet** became Mrs. Victor Bayer.

Margaret Anne Brown recently left Dr. Aub's lab when she and Douglas G. Christie were married in Lexington. They plan to live in Connecticut.

On April 28, in Randolph, **Dorothy Gidley,** of the Cardiac lab was married to Lawrence Sass Jr. and they left for a trip to Niagara Falls.

The engagement of **Jean Pasakarnis** of the Cytology lab to George H. Wood has been announced.

The Chemistry lab welcomes two new members: **Marianne Dieckmann** from Berlin, and **Ingrid Madsen** from Denmark.

Jeanne Russell

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Student Chaplains' Summer Program

Sponsored by the Institute of Pastoral Care, twelve ministerial students have arrived at the hospital to participate in an intensive summer program. The students represent seven states and five denominations, and all are at least through their second year in seminary school or are members of the clergy.

As a non-sectarian educational foundation, the Institute has been, since its founding in 1944, specially interested in training ministerial students with reference to the needs of the sick or disabled. Its first summer school was offered at the M.G.H., and since that time it has expanded to include eighteen programs in institutions located from coast to coast.

While here for their twelve weeks of intense training, the students will participate actively in the hospital, first for two weeks as volunteer helpers on the floors, and then for the last ten weeks as chaplains. Daily sessions and classes are held in which representatives from many hospital services and departments, such as social service, occupational therapy, etc., will participate. The experience in working with hospitalized people will aid the students in gaining insight and skills required by ministers.

Group of student chaplains here for summer program are shown above. First row, left to right: Chaplain William B. Spofford, Jr., supervisor; Warren Jackson, N. H.; Thomas Timmons, Ohio; Crawford Coombes, New Haven; 2nd row: M.G.H. Chaplain Paul Swanson; Leonard Pillsbury, Somerville; Margaret Robison, Ohio; Fulton Smith, N. Y.; Paul Ewing, Fitchburg; 3rd row: Derald Stump Iowa; Herbert Freeman, Conn.; George Bates, N. Y.; George Hall and Carl Helmich, both from Penna.

School of Nursing Commencement

Commencement exercises were held June 14 at 3:00 in the John Hancock Hall for 105 nurses graduating from the M.G.H. School of Nursing.

Mr. John E. Lawrence, Trustee of the hospital and chairman of the Trustees' committee to the School and Nursing Service, presided and awarded the diplomas. The candidates were presented by Miss Ruth Sleeper, Director.

The Reverend John J. Flanagan, S. J., executive director, The Catholic Hospital Association of the U. S. and Canada, delivered the Commencement Address.

New Benefits and Rates

On July 1, 1957, Blue Cross benefits will be expanded, premium rates changed, and contract classifications will be revised. These actions will be taken for three reasons: (1) **Rising Hospital Costs:** As with most other things in our economy, the cost of hospitalization has been increasing during the past years. New and more effective drugs and equipment cost more to provide. (2). **Rising Use of Hospitalization:** Today, more members use their hospitals than ever before. In 1956, people went to the hospital 35% more often than in 1950. (3) **Need For Additional Benefits:** With hospital costs mounting and need of hospitalization occurring more often, members find it harder to pay for necessary services not included under Blue Cross now. To ease this burden, Blue Cross has expanded its benefits.

- Full benefit days will be extended to 120 days instead of the current 60 full and 60 partial days.
- Normal maternity benefits will be increased from $70. to $100. and the waiting period changed to nine months.
- Benefits will be provided for X-ray therapy and partial benefits for diagnostic X-rays.
- Out-of-state benefits will be increased.

In addition, the $7. contract will be eliminated since it no longer provides adequate coverage. If you have the $7. contract, it will automatically be changed to the $12. contract.

The new monthly rates for the M.G.H. Blue Cross Group are as follows:

	Individual	Family
$12. a day plan:	$3.00	$8.15

The Blue Shield rates have not changed.

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Party for Mr. Jake Osganian

A party was given recently to honor Mr. Hagop Osganian, known as "Jake" to his many friends and associates, upon his retirement. The staff and members of the Department of Pathology gathered in the Mallory Library on the second floor of the Warren building. A farewell speech was made by Dr. Benjamin Castleman, chief of the department, who also made the presentation of a watch and check to Mr. Osganian. Refreshments were served, with Mrs. Klara Edwards and Mrs. Marion C. Gaines as pourers.

As a conscientious laboratory worker, who has given more than twenty-five years of devoted and loyal service to the hospital, Mr. Osganian will be missed by all.

Mr. Jake Osganian was the guest at a party given upon his retirement from the Pathology Department. He is shown in the Mallory Library with Dr. H. R. Dudley, Jr., and Mrs. M. Jean Engborg.

JULY 4, 1818
An M.G.H. Cornerstone Is Laid
by George H. Jacobsen

At dawn on Saturday, July 4, 1818 the pounding of cannon reverberated among the islands of Boston Harbor and roused the populace in the cluster of wood and brick houses on the peninsula capped by Beacon Hill. It was Boston's customary salute to the nation's birthday — the forty-second — and was hurled from Fort Independence, the ships of war riding at anchor, and the artillery posts on the surrounding heights. The day was also significant for another reason. The local newspapers had been printing notices of something new; the **Independent Chronicle and Boston Patriot**, for instance, stated on July 1:

"In Boston, the day will be so celebrated as to be considered a new era. The corner stone of a spacious Temple to Charity, the Massachusetts General Hospital, will be laid with much splendor and parade."

The **Columbian Centinel** of July 4 announced:

"All the associations, corps, &c. invited to form the special Procession on the occasion, will assemble at . . . the Rev. Mr. Lowell's Meeting-House [West Church] . . . the strictest punctuality will be observed. The Procession will move precisely at 9 o'clock, A.M. . . and proceed through Cambridge-street to Bowdoin-square [where stood the birthplace of Charles Bulfinch, architect of the Hospital], thence through Greene, Wiltshire and North-Allen Streets to Hospital Square . . . where the usual ceremonies will be performed in ancient form."

It is not known if the Trustees' wish for punctuality was gratified. The **Columbian Centinel** of July 8 reported:

"Previously to the above ceremonial the Treasurer of the Hospital, Marshal [James] Prince, gave a splendid and sumptuous **dejune** [breakfast] at his rural residence in Chamber-street. Several of the tables were spread under beautiful awnings, in the garden." (Bowditch's history of the Hospital, however, states that this party followed the cornerstone ceremony.) Mr. Prince's guest list included many names prominent in medical and civic affairs.

The importance of the occasion to the public may be judged from the official "Order of Procession." The military escort consisted of the Boston Light Infantry and the Independent Cadets, the latter being designated by law to perform escort duty for the governor. Among the procession were the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the Hospital Trustees and staff (Drs. James Jackson and John C. Warren), the heads of the executive, legislative, and judicial departments of the state, the officers and faculty of Harvard University (including the Medical School), the clergy, the selectmen, overseers of the poor, firewards, and board of health, the masters, ushers and scholars of public schools, the Humane Society, Massachusetts Charitable Fire Society, Charitable Mechanic Association, Boston Marine Society, various units of the state militia, the members of the Hospital Corporation, and interested citizens. Some organizations were equipped with bands. The parade was described by the **Columbian Centinel** as "unusually long, brilliant, and dignified."

"Hospital Square" was a four-acre lot formerly belonging to Prince's pasture. The new edifice was to stand upon a slight elevation overlooking the Charles River, the curving shoreline of which passed through the area now occupied by the east wing of the George Robert White Building. Just north of the site, along Spring Street, Dr. John Warren had directed a military hospital during the American Revolution. At Cambridge and Grove Street stood Parkman's

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SPOTLIGHT ON THE CHILDREN'S RECREATION SERVICE

Coping with the every day problems of growing up and learning to fit into society is difficult enough for most children, without having to overcome additional ones. When a child becomes hospitalized, he is separated, perhaps for the first time, from his parents, to whom he usually turns for comfort. Everything is new and strange to him and therefore may be a little frightening. Familiar surroundings and activities disappear, and he must meet and establish contact with a whole new set of people. All this is aside from the physical illness or disability which brought him to the hospital in the first place.

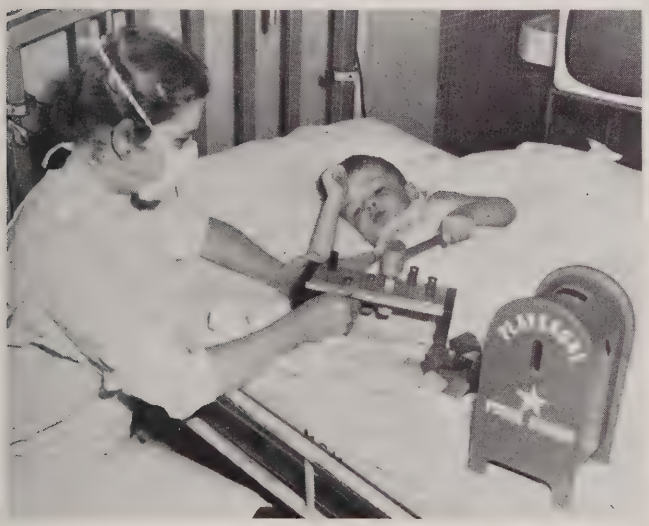
Children react to this new experience in many ways. The atmosphere of the hospital becomes of great importance to them, and an outlet for their needs is required to prevent their becoming unhappy, prone to cry, or bored.

A group ranging in age from 6 to 13 enjoys the diversion and companionship of lanyard making with Miss Joan Friborg showing them how to use the plastic lacing. Other groups gather to play games, watch movies, for story telling, charades, etc.

The Children's Recreation Service at the M.G.H. has been planned with the objective of providing, as nearly as possible, normal recreational outlets for children. Through play and good times, it offers diversion, association with others, and release of tension.

The Recreation Service had its formal beginning in the Fall of 1956 and has grown considerably since that time, until it now offers full morning and afternoon opportunities for any children in the hospital ranging in age from infants to teens, who wish to participate. This program is a result of cooperative thinking of the Services of Children's Medicine, Nursing, and Psychiatry. Organizationally, it is under the Nursing Service, and is administered by Miss Mary E. Quinlan, R.N., assistant director of nursing service for Vincent-Burnham. Miss Lisetta MacKinzie, recreation therapist, Miss Joan Friborg, recreation assistant, and Miss Valterine Block, music therapist, are members of the staff. Miss Patricia Keegan, R.N., is pediatric administrative supervisor; and Dr. Elizabeth Gellert is the educational consultant for the program. Members of the Volunteer Department contribute many hours.

The program is presently centered, for ambulatory children, in the solarium on Burnham 5. Some use is made of the Burnham 4 solarium especially for the pre-school age children. When possible, bed-patients are wheeled out to the solaria, while others are visited individually in their rooms. It is hard for a toddler or young child to feel very homesick when he is taken to a gaily decorated room where other children are having a fine time playing with each other or with the many materials available. There is music in the background and a variety of things to do to suit just his age and interests. He can play with messy or wet clay or



"Even if I do have to stay in bed, I like to pound," says Steven Stone, age 3. He has fun playing with toys Miss Joan Friborg, recreation assistant, has brought to him, even though he is on precaution and can be visited only by people "dressed up in funny white masks."

With Miss Lisetta MacKinzie, recreation therapist, to help, two-year-old Kenny Whittet, center, and six-year-old Joe DiMauro, left, can splash and blow all they want.

Karen Welch, Francis Plunkett, Kenny Whittet and Alice Jerzyk think its fun to eat with each other out on the solarium of Burnham 5. Mrs. M. Welle, student affiliate from Bishop Memorial, helps a little fellow like Francis with his milk.

paint; he can read or look at books by himself; he can play imaginatively with dolls, or make something with the craft supplies.

Materials available are of all kinds. Creative play is possible with paint, paper, fingerpaint, etc. Crafts include weaving, airplane models, leather, metal and wood work, and textile painting. There are competitive games such as monopoly, bingo, and chess. Dolls, drawing, pounding, and skits allow expression by various ages of children. Books and records, as well as a piano for singing, are some of the verbal materials.

The recreation staff guides the child to whichever of these activities seems most to interest the individual child. Each day they have a planned, but flexible, program. The nursing staff of the floor or ward can spend a few moments in the solaria having a good time with the children under their care. In this way, the child gets a different idea of the nurse, who perhaps has just given him some unpleasant medicine or an injection.

The Recreation Service also gives in-service training to some hospital staff and to groups of students. Students have come from the Boston School of Occupational Therapy, Wheelock, Garland, Bouvé, and Harvard, to gain experience in working with children. They attend regular conferences and participate in all phases of the program from planning to guiding the children.

The recreation nursing staff and the medical staff work together in many ways. Because medical care of the patient comes first, a particular child's physical limitations are carefully considered in selecting the kind of play he is given. For example, a child who must remain flat on his back is given a specially constructed table where he may draw, paint, etc. Information gained about children while at play can be of value to the nursing and medical staff in their planning for further care and in speeding recuperation.

The recreation room is also a cheerful setting in which the children may eat "group style" for lunch and dinner. This means that they have companionship while they eat and can enjoy their food in a relaxed and informal manner similar to home. Young children gather around the small tables, while bed-patients are wheeled in and eat from trays.

Comprehensive care of sick children is recognized as including emotional as well as physical needs. The needs for reassurance, attention and companionship, for activity, and for emotional release can be met, in part, through the recreation program.

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Market, and in the same vicinity there had been a "Province Hospital and Pest House" some years earlier. From the foot of Cambridge Street a wooden bridge extended westerly across the river.

The ceremony began with a prayer by the Rev. Charles Lowell. The cornerstone was inspected by Governor John Brooks and other dignitaries, and pronounced fit for the builder's use. It was raised, and beneath it coins and an inscribed silver tablet were deposited; then it was lowered into position and trued by level and plumb. After another prayer, Francis J. Oliver delivered the charge to the master builder, Alexander Parris:

"In your hands I now place these tools of your profession, and commit to your care the superintendence in erecting this edifice . . . Be cautious in selecting your materials, and use all your skill in putting them together, that your workmanship may endure like that of faithfulness and truth; for this building is not to be a temporary pavilion . . . but a temple dedicated to humanity . . . where Charity and Philosophy are to walk a perpetual round to alleviate misery, and to combat with and destroy disease and pain."

After the master builder had delivered his reply, the Hon. Josiah Quincy, orator of the day, stepped forward. Although he did not mention the educational and research functions of a hospital, he stressed the care of the sick poor and made an eloquent appeal for community support:

". . . the foundations of a noble charity have this day been laid;—a charity, destined to confer lasting blessings on future times, as it has already conferred immortal honor on the present . . . To that sympathy, to the same noble and elevated sentiment, to which we are indebted for its conception, and thus far, for its establishment, we confidently rely for its future support."

Near the speaker stood the Hon. William Phillips, lieutenant governor of the Commonwealth and president of the Hospital Corporation, who had made the largest single contribution to the building fund. Our present Phillips House is named in his honor.

The ceremony was brought to a close with a short address by Mr. James Prince, and the throng dispersed. Additional festivities took place in the State House (an earlier product of the architectural genius of Bulfinch) and in the Old South Church. The **Boston Daily Advertiser** of July 6 described the remainder of the day:

"In the afternoon, two balloons, prepared by Mr. Guerin, were let off from South Boston, and in the evening great numbers of rockets were discharged from different parts of the town, from the Navy Yard, and from the U. S. ship Independence. The ship was also handsomely illuminated."

Thus ended July 4, 1818, a memorable date in the history of the M.G.H. and of Massachusetts.

Meeting of Inhalation Therapists

The second monthly meeting of the Greater Boston Chapter of the American Association of Inhalation Therapists was held in the Bigelow Amphitheatre on Monday, April 22.

Officers for the year were elected as follows: President, Mr. Edmund Banks, of Anesthesia; Vice-President, Mr. Angelo Guarino, Inhalation Therapy; Secretary, Mr. Robert Dwyer, of the Medical Oxygen Company; and Treasurer, Mrs. Edith Neimant, of the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital.

The speaker of the evening was Dr. Henrik H. Bendixen, assistant chief anesthetist, at the M.G.H. Dr. Bendixen discussed briefly the history of oxygen which dates back to 1794 and the French chemist Lavoisier. As late as twenty years ago, however, oxygen administration was a last resort, and it is comparatively recently that the scope of oxygen therapy has been widened to assist patients who are not so critically ill. Taking the Jefferson ventilator as his specific topic, Dr. Bendixen discussed the problems of patients who cannot breathe for themselves and described ventilating machines which either assist the patient to breathe or absolutely control the patient's breathing. Ventilation apparatus should interfere as little as possible with the normal physiology. Mean pressure on the chest should be as low as possible, while time for exhaling should be as long as for inhaling; and volume machines to assist breathing should always be built with a "pop-off" principle for safety.

The meeting closed with a question period after which refreshments were served.

Hugh W. Heney

Medical Arts Graduates

The School of Medical Illustration held its graduation dinner and exercises at "The Hollow", in Quincy, Friday, June 7. After a brief address by the director, Mrs. Muriel McLatchie Miller, the graduating class repeated the following:

"I do solemnly swear that I will carry out to the best of my ability, the following pledge: I PLEDGE: As a medical illustrator my primary dedication will be to the advancement of the Medical Profession and its teaching program. I will aim, in my illustrating, to clearly reveal the truth with the fidelity of the Scientist and with the sober imagination of the Artist.
Plagiarism will be avoided and that credit will be given whenever and wherever it is due.
I will abhor professional jealousies.
I will gladly exchange ideas with other members of my profession.
I will do all in my power to become a loyal member of my employer's group, and will promise not to divulge the confidence of my employer or his patients."

Mr. William Stenstrom, medical illustrator for the Retina Foundation and instructor on the staff of the school, presented the certificates to the following: Miss Sylvia Colard, Mrs. Nancy Evans Stone, Mr. William Stone, Jr., Mr. Barry O'Neil. An honorary degree of P.H.T. (pulling hubby through) was presented to Mrs. Barry O'Neil.

The graduates will now spread over the country: Miss Colard leaves for a Florida position in the Fall; Mr. and Mrs. Stone leave for California; Mr. O'Neil for Lemuel Shattuck.

Representing the graduating class of the School of Nursing are the officers shown above left to right: Levia Lugaresi, of Haverhill, and Mary Santuliani of Peabody, co-presidents; Elizabeth Anne Bigda, of Wollaston, secretary; and Audrey Elizabeth Hoverkamp, from Florida, treasurer.

The Glee Club of the student nurses gave a festive Spring "Pops" Concert on May 21, with a wide selection of music. Eunice Tankard, the piano accompanist, is shown above.

Hippocrates' Tree at McLean

Another tree with an interesting story behind it has been acquired for the hospital grounds. This is a seedling of the Mediterranean Plane Tree with an unusual history. The original tree is growing on the Island of Cos off the coast of Greece, and under it (it is said that) Hippocrates taught medicine.

The original tree is forty-five feet tall and so huge that its lower branches are supported on marble columns. Dr. Wilder G. Penfield, who spoke at the recent dedication of the Warren building, brought the seeds to Canada. From there it was brought to Boston, but the trip necessitated its having treatment first at the Arnold Arboretum; it is now receiving special care at McLean. When it is fully recovered, it will be planted on the Bulfinch lawn.

Miss Anna M. Viden

Members of the Nursing Department and other hospital employees were saddened to learn of the death of Miss Anna M. Viden, supervisor of residences, on June 11, 1957. She was an M.G.H. School of Nursing graduate and was with the hospital for many years as a member of the Nursing Department. Her success in helping to establish and carry on a branch of the National Amateur Art Association, for the enjoyment of all hospital personnel, made her known to many outside the Nursing Department.

ABOUT FOLKS

Maintenance

Our sympathy to the family of **Mr. Phillip Holden** who passed away recently. Mr. Holden spent seventeen years with the M.G.H. and was a foreman in the Paint Shop at the time of his retirement in 1955.

Congratulations to **Mr. William Riley**, of the Plumbing Shop, upon his recent marriage.

We are very sorry to hear that **Mr. Charles Smith**, foreman of the Carpenters' Shop, is a patient on Bulfinch 3.

Welcome to **Mr. George Boyce** who is now with Planning and Construction after 7½ years with Dr. Albright.

Eye and Ear

Members of the Personnel Club and their guests gathered at Rowe's Wharf on June 23 to embark on a "Nantasket Cruise." They spent a carefree day in the sun and sea, with various races, including the three-legged and costume-changing one, as well as the ever popular pie-eating contest, for amusement.

The faculty and trustees of Emerson College conferred an honorary Master of Arts Degree upon Mrs. Paul A. Doehler, director of Esophageal Speech, in recognition of her achievement in teaching patients to speak with a new esophageal voice.

The appointment of Mrs. Margaret Verrill, R. N. as director of Nursing Service and Nursing Education, was announced recently by Mr. Francis S. Hill. Miss Lois Bennett is heading the Education program, while Miss Dorothy West, is now clinical instructor in Education.

Here from England for our six month Post Graduate Nursing Course are Miss Mary Lambert, Miss Marjorie Cornthwaite, and Mrs. Lillian Beavan. The Nursing Office also welcomes Miss Janice Jordan, who replaces Mrs. Constance Niedzinski as executive secretary. Two new additions to the Winthrop Foundation are Dr. Geza Jako, from Hungary, and Mrs. Virginia Carrol, R.N.

Patients' Accounts welcomes Mr. Irwin Hertz, formerly of the N. E. Medical Center, who is replacing Mrs. Marilyn Slade.

Miss Jane E. McShera is the new secretary in the ENT Service, while Miss Ruth Short is doing medical social work for the summer.

Baker Nursing

Congratulations to **Eileen Cronin** of Baker Lab who recently received her engagement ring.

We are sorry to hear of the illness of **Joan Mullins**, Baker Lab, and of the illness of **Bill Seymour.**

Best wishes to **Miss Doris Shea**, of Baker 4, upon her recent marriage.

The staff of Baker 4 are sorry to see **Cindy Forbush leave**, but are glad to welcome **Dorothy Holm.**

Ann McCarthy, from Baker 10, has flown to Paris to join her husband.

Mary Shifisky has gone to Alaska on vacation.

We are sorry to see **Miss Irja Hill** and **Miss Mary Conway**, Baker supervisors, leave to attend school.

Dick Snaith

Pharmacy

Vincent Cervizzi, Irene Janson, John Memos, Tom Mooncai, and **Jean Travers** attended the annual refresher course held during May at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy. And graduating from there are **Peter Antonino, Walter Ciampa,** and **Fred Tishler.**

A farewell party was held for **Sam Rosenberg** who is leaving to go into business for himself. Good luck to Sam, who will be missed by all.

Welcome to **Arthur Feldman, John Flaherty,** and **Andrew Passeri,** students with us for the summer.

Agnes McGovern

Miss Nancy Newman of the Eye Service represented social service at a national conference in Philadelphia last month. Attending a ten day institute in July, will be Miss Mary Love.

Howe Lab welcomes Miss Marjorie Saunders as secretary, replacing Miss Therese Ecker who was recently married.

Miss Ruth Stanton is the Eye Clinic's new receptionist in place of Mrs. Anne Kavenaugh, now clinic clerk. Mrs. Irene Nobrega has moved to Retina Service, and Miss Gloria Chandler is in Glaucoma Follow-Up.

Best wishes to Miss Lois Bennett, R.N. who recently became engaged; and congratulations to Dr. Irvin Taylor, Ophthalmology, who was married in June.

Everyone wishes a speedy recovery to Dr. Jacob Sade, of ENT, convalescing at his home.

Joan Temkin

General Nursing

Welcomed to W.O.R. are **Cristobel Hall**, Ireland, and **Wadad Khalaf**, Lebanon, and **Judy Merrill**, recent M.G.H. graduate.

Joseph Leder, Tufts, is a summer aide in O.R.

Welcome to the recovery room are **Contance Griffin** and **Clare McCaffrey.**

Joanne Wielgorecki, student nurse, vacationed for a month at Manchester-by-the-Sea.

Anne Fyles, former secretary to Dr. J. C. White, is now with Dr. Hoagland of the Research Committee, where she replaced **Mrs. Weymouth Somerset** who left to join her husband in Texas.

Nancy Smith of W5AC is vacationing in Caracas, South America.

Mary Wright, orthopedic clinical instructor, is on leave of absence visiting Kansas City with her husband.

Dr. and **Mrs. David** (the former Roberta DeLutis of W10 Cysto) have been blessed with their first child, a girl.

W10 Welcomes the return of **Mr. Gilbert Berry.**

Martha DeCosta and **Jean Dennison**, student nurses, recently became brides. The former is now Mrs. Peter Noyes, and the latter, Mrs. Wayne Champion. All honeymooned at Moose Head Lake, Maine.

Miss Janet Oteiza and **Dr. Bernhard Laukemann**, both of Anesthesia, were recently married. Best wishes to both.

Edward Davock of Upper Store recently announced the engagement of his daughter **Dorothy** to Mr. Francis P. McDermott of Milton. She is a graduate of Boston State Teachers College and a former M.G.H. employee. Her dad has been with the hospital for 25 years.

Jack McCracken

Coupons For Bargain Wilson Line Cruises

Employees and their families may use discount cards, available in the Personnel Department, to obtain reduced fares on the one-day vacation boat cruises to Nantasket Beach or the hundred mile cruise to Provincetown. Savings are from 17% to 25%. The season on the Nantasket cruises began May 30, and the Provincetown run opens June 15. Both continue until Labor Day.

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A Mild Type

The M. G. H. is one of the first hospitals in the country to receive vaccine for Asian influenza. This type of flu started in Hong Kong and spread thousands of miles in a few months; and, though not a severe type of disease and lasting but four or five days, affected 15-20 per cent of the population causing cough, fever, headache and muscle pains. Scattered cases have been reported in the United States with some incidence on both East and West coasts. No cases, however, have yet been reported in the Boston area.

Though not essentially different from the ordinary flu which people have every year, and though it will not be known until cold weather how large an outbreak to expect in the United States, everyone is urged to have the vaccination because of the great number of people at one time who might be unable to carry on their duties.

The Surgeon General of the Public Health Service has recommended a priority system for the immunization with medical workers in the first priority group. The other priority groups include policemen, firemen, transportation workers and other essential personnel.

At the head of the immunization program for the M. G. H. is Dr. Gerald S. Foster, Hospital Coordinator for Vaccination. The program was set up very rapidly on Thursday, August 15, when a meeting was held to discuss immunization for the hospital group. Reaction to the vaccine is usually very mild—a stinging sensation for a short time after the injection and occasional mild reactions lasting not more than twenty-four hours.

Here at the M. G. H., Emergency Ward, Operating Room, Anesthesia, night workers and others having direct contact with patients have been the first to receive the vaccine; and within a few weeks sufficient vaccine will be available for all MGH personnel who wish it. Others have received the vaccine as the supply has become more available.

Vaccinations are given in the "Staff Clinic Annex," previously known as the Dietetic Interns' Room, White Basement, by Mrs. Barbara Minutoli on a full-time basis. Department heads will be notified to send their groups as supplies become available.

Our thanks are due to Miss Louise Hatch for providing the room in the White Basement, to the Refrigeration department for a refrigerator, to Mr. Carl Dexter for the locks, to John T. Murphy, Phm.D., and to Mr. John Webb of the Pharmacy for supplies, to Mr. James Willis of the Central Supply Room for the sterilization of the needles and syringes, and to the many others who cooperated in this urgent program.

Mrs. Barbara Minutoli administering a "shot" of Asian flu vaccine to Miss Victoria Hatch in the "Staff Clinic Annex" while Mrs. Rita S. Rayhorn, Supervisor, Staff Clinic, looks on.

Dr. Gerald S. Foster, Hospital Coordinator for Vaccination, in his office

We've Moved!!

On Tuesday, September 10, 1957, the Comptroller's Section and the Accounting Department Group formerly located on Baker 2, i.e., Comptroller, Secretary to Comptroller, Assistant Comptroller, Chief Accountant, Cost Accountant, Special Checks, Payroll, Fund Section, Miscellaneous Accounts and Private Ambulatory Accounts moved to their new quarters on the Sixth Floor of the Warren Building.

In going to our new quarters, please use the new elevators in the Warren rather than those in the Baker.

H. L. Emrich
Asst. Comptroller

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A Letter to Dr. Clark

49 Linnaean Street
Cambridge 38, Mass.
June 11, 1957

Dear Dr. Clark:

From May 26 to June 8 I occupied room 506 in the Phillips House.

On May 27 Dr. Grantley Taylor operated on my mouth to remove a cancer. As you know, this operation results in several days of pain for the patient.

I write to thank you warmly for the splendid care I received from everyone for the whole time of my visit to your hospital. Mrs. Moran and her staff did everything possible to help me and, in spite of being hard worked, they managed to make it seem as though each thing was a pleasure to do.

Eating is particularly tiresome after this operation. Your dietary department took no end of trouble to contrive food that I could swallow and was also pleasant to eat. In spite of the pain, my dominant impression is of the skill and kindness of everyone concerned.

I would like to comment on one excellent feature of my treatment in Phillips House. I arrived in the afternoon of the day before the operation. Almost everyone came to call on me and make themselves known —the house officer, Dr. Judson Randolph, Dr. Rogers (Dr. Taylor's assistant) and several nurses; also the doctor who gave the anesthetic. Each one gave me a careful description of exactly what was to be done with me in the way of tests, etc., just when each thing would be done and the process involved. Dr. Taylor had already described the nature of the operation and the job of recovery afterwards.

The result was that I was never left guessing for an instant. I knew exactly when and how each thing was to take place. I think this contributed greatly to a relaxed frame of mind during the hours before the operation.

Yours sincerely,
T. North Whitehead

New Class of Medical Record Librarians, June '57 - June '58

A reminder that the M. G. H. is a teaching institution is to be found in the Medical Records Department where this year's class numbers seven: five from Colby Junior College, New London, New Hampshire; and two from Simmons College. All are college seniors in their fourth and final year inasmuch as the Medical Records Librarian course at Colby J. C. covers four years.

The students are here on affiliation with these colleges to receive practical and formal training leading to a Bachelor of Science degree from their respective colleges in Medical Records Administration upon their successful completion of the course. This period is not the usual academic year but covers forty-nine weeks.

The practical experience will take these students into many other departments of the hospital including the Clinics and the Admitting Offices. There will also be a three-week affiliation with smaller local hospitals.

After graduation from college the students are eligible to take the National Registration Examination which, successfully passed, makes them Registered Record Librarians.

The field is at present an uncrowded one as the rapid growth of hospitals in recent years and the rising standards required for the approval of hospitals have greatly increased the need for members of this profession. It is an interesting vocation and the demand for competently trained Medical Record Librarians far exceeds the number available.

Welcome, Mr. David Willis

Our new Administrative Resident is David P. Willis, Haverford College, B.A., who has done graduate study at the University of Pennsylvania, working and studying for a year with the Philadelphia City Planning Commission and doing research for a project of the Ford Foundation. For over two years he worked with the Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia and has done research on the development of plans for the future of the Philadelphia General Hospital, working with the Philadelphia Department of Health.

He has also attended the Graduate School of Public Health at the University of Pittsburgh, working toward a master's degree in that field. His year here—with a possible second year—will count toward that degree.

Upon recovery from his recent operation in the Baker Memorial, Mr. Willis will take up again his active interest in sailing.

The 1957-58 class of Medical Record Librarians on the Bulfinch steps. Top row, left to right, Barbara Chandler, Ogdensburg, New York; Elizabeth Molloy, Gardner; Carolyn Woodward, Manchester, New Hampshire; Ann Revelle, Cohasset—all from Colby J. C.—and, bottom row, Ruth Gillis, Ashby, from Colby J. C.; and Arline M. Kaplan, West Hartford, Connecticut, and Rina L. Epstein, Chelsea, from Simmons.

Miss Mary Nesbitt, former Supervisor of Physical Therapy, now Mrs. Wesley F. St. Coeur, admiring one of her gifts while Dr. Arthur L. Watkins, Chief of Physical Medicine, and Miss Phyllis MacAloney, Assistant Supervisor, Physical Therapy, look on.

The Hospital said a regretful goodbye in August to Miss Mary E. Nesbitt, Supervisor of Physical Therapy at the M. G. H. and extended heartiest congratulations to Lieutenant Colonel Wesley F. St. Coeur, United States Air Force, upon their marriage September 7 at the home of Miss Nesbitt's sister in Nashville, Tennessee. Mrs. St. Coeur will live in Montpelier, where the Colonel is Ground Observer Corps Coordinator for the state of Vermont.

Miss Nesbitt, as we still think of her, came to us in September, 1940, from the University of California Medical School to work with Dr. Arthur L. Watkins, Chief of Physical Medicine, establishing Physical Therapy at the M. G. H. on November 4. Beginning with one assistant the group gradually increased to seven, and during 1955 raised its numbers to care for the polio patients. It is now entitled to one supervisor and twelve staff Physical Therapists.

Miss Nesbitt was chosen by The American Physical Therapy Association as its president for the years 1954-1956; and during her term as Vice-President of this organization in 1953 the Secretary of the Navy invited her to be a guest aboard the U. S. Naval Hospital Ship "Repose" for an inspection tour of the installations of Oahu. The hospital area, a seven-story establishment in the ship's center, had 780 patients and was comparable to the M. G. H. and other Class A mainland institutions.

From your heights in Vermont, Mrs. St. Coeur, you may look down upon your work here with pride.

New Members of the A.D.A.

(dietetically speaking)

Graduation exercises for the members of the Postgraduate Course for Dietetic Interns of the M. G. H. were held Friday afternoon, September 6. Dr. Clark awarded Certificates to twelve students, graduates of ten different colleges and universities in the United States and Canada. On completion of the one-year course in the hospital, these graduates become qualified members of the American Dietetic Association.

Members of the graduating class were: Verna E. Davis, Webster (University of Connecticut); Colette Gosselin, Quebec (Laval University); Elizabeth L. Heltsley, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (Carnegie Institute of Technology); Caroline M. Hillier, St. John's, Newfoundland (Acadia University); Irene E. Kozik, Ware (University of Massachusetts); Mary A. Mutschler, Seattle, (University of Washington); Shirley P. Oliver, Wolfville, Nova Scotia (Acadia University); Claire A. Scotton, Dedham (State Teachers College, Framingham); Jeanette L. Simmendinger, Rochester, New York (Syracuse University); Natalie V. Stone, South Hamilton (State Teachers College, Framingham); Nancy Vaughn, St. Petersburg, Florida (Florida State University); and Lucy J. Wilson, Porterville, California (San Jose College).

At the present time there are twenty-five Dietary Interns, the usual quota for the year, ten of whom came in July and fifteen in September. They represent many different states as well as Malaya and the Philippines.

All these interns are graduates from accredited colleges and have completed the Nutrition or Home Economics Course in Institutional Management in their undergraduate work.

At the graduation exercises of the M. G. H. Postgraduate Course in Dietetics in September, certificates were awarded to twelve Dietetic Interns. Front row, left to right: Colette Gosselin, Claire A. Scotton, Caroline M. Hillier, Natalie V. Stone. Middle row: Mary A. Mutschler, Elizabeth L. Heltsley, Nancy Vaughn. Back row: Shirley P. Oliver, Lucy J. Wilson, Verna E. Davis, Jeanette L. Simmendinger, Irene E. Kozik.

Atomic Energy As Peacemaker

Harmless as a dove, painless as sleep and efficient as automation—this is the Brain Scanner on White 11 which finds brain tumors and abscesses comfortably and quickly without the need for exploratory surgery.

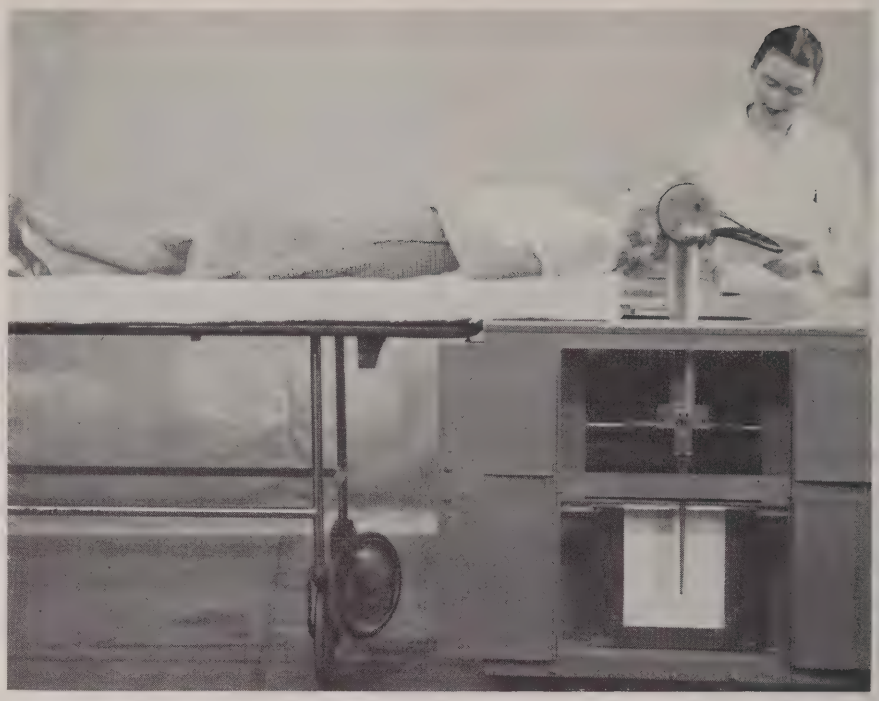
Its beginnings are to be found in 1951 when, following the completion of the Research Building, the Physics Research Laboratory of the M. G. H. was established with Dr. Gordon L. Brownell at its head.

Cooperation with the Neurosurgical Service and particularly with Dr. William Sweet was of tremendous value to the new lab; and one of the first projects carried out was an attempt to localize brain tumors by means of a preoperative isotope test. Not only was it desirable to extend this technique but it was also planned to use a detection system which would allow measurements to be made on the outside of the head, these measurements making it possible to locate the tumors exactly by external means.

The technique involved the intravenous injection of a radioactive substance, usually radioactive arsenic, which concentrated in the tumor to a substantially greater degree—in the ratio of ten to one or more—than in the normal brain tissue; and its presence could be accurately located by the use of a new device known popularly as the brain scanner.

After one hour or a few hours following the injection, the patient places himself comfortably on his back for the one-hour scanning period, his head gently fixed in position between the Lucite grids that are located between two detectors. These detectors work automatically and continuously and are mounted on a movable platform connected to a synchronous motor so that the platform travels with constant velocity. At each end of its excursion it closes a limit switch that reverses its motion and also causes the vertical height of the platform to decrease by 1 cm. Thus, the two detectors automatically scan an area on the Lucite grid that can be adjusted by the positions of the limit switches. This procedure is usually repeated the following day without any additional injection.

The two types of data are recorded simultaneously in records that are called PCG and AGG. Their preparation and interpretation require only a few minutes and they are an excellent guide to the surgeon, often obviating fruitless surgery for the patient and enabling the surgeon to proceed without other means of discovery when an operation is indicated.



Under the direction of Miss Pauline Montgomery the Brain Scanner looks at the "patient."

Accuracy is now about 75 per cent for tumors and 83 per cent for abscesses.

From 1953-1956, one thousand patients were scanned with this technique, the scanning being under the able direction of Miss Pauline Montgomery.

Results have been so encouraging in the detection of brain tumors that the method has been tried in numerous other situations where it is essential to know the distribution of an isotope deep within the body, such as the liver and pancreas.

This is another extension of the peaceful uses of atomic energy.

A party was held on August 29 to honor Miss Florence Vickery and to bid her a regretful goodbye upon her retirement as Floor Server in the Dietary Department.

It seems that Miss Vickery will be as completely occupied as she was during past years, since she plans to read all the books for which she has not had time heretofore; she will continue her favorite sport of swimming, maintain her church activities, and finally take a number of trips.

Self-possessed, unassuming, efficient, she will be missed here and welcomed wherever she goes.

Miss Florence Vickery, Dietary Department, receiving a 40-year Service Pin from Dr. Dean A. Clark upon her retirement while Miss Louise Hatch looks on.

Unique Training Program in Boston

Inspired by previous success, the M. G. H. Medical Records Department undertook on July 1 another year of training for medical transcribers. Five high school graduates make up this year's class where they learn medical terminology and transcribe the operative reports and discharge summaries that the doctors dictate regarding hospital cases. Sufficient applications for the course were received without the necessity of advertising; and of eighteen applicants, five were accepted.

This is "on-the-job" training with payment during the learning period and salary increases in proportion to the ability to do the work.

Mr. John Callahan, one of the supervisors in the Medical Records Department, is in charge of the program—the only one of its kind in the hospitals of Boston.

September and March Classes in One

One hundred and thirty-seven students entered the Massachusetts General Hospital School of Nursing on Tuesday, September 10. In an effort to combat the nursing shortage, the September and March classes have been combined because through this change more students can be accepted. In fact, this is the largest class ever to be admitted to the School of Nursing at one time. The students have come from thirteen states as widely separated as Massachusetts, Oregon and Arizona.

As part of the first week's orientation, the upper classmen were on hand as "Big Sisters" to welcome all the members of the incoming class and to acquaint them with the various parts of the Hospital and the social activities.

Of five applicants to the Massachusetts General Hospital School of Nursing only one can be accepted. Last year's drop-out was 6 per cent as against a national average of approximately 30 per cent.

In the past year more than 66 per cent of the graduates of the School of Nursing returned to work at the Hospital. This seems gratifying when you consider that a large number of the members of the graduating class were married and some have children.

The curriculum of the School of Nursing is being completely revised to improve the program as well as to increase the enrollment in the School and to make a more effective use of the faculty. The new plan makes possible a full year's internship in the third year and provides for more teaching at the bedside in the first and second years.

The Medical Transcription group of 1957-58. Top row, left to right: Albert Evans, Boston; Danguola A. Kasper, Brockton; Mr. John Callahan, Supervisor. Bottom row: Eleanor Terban, Chelsea; Carol MacMillan, Belmont; and Patricia Toomey, Melrose.

News From the Staff Wives Association

Officers for the year 1957-58 are:
Pres.: Mrs. Charles B. Burbank
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Chairman of Special Events: Mrs. Howard Ulfelder

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Housing: Mrs. Benjamin Castleman
Mrs. Richard G. Whiting
Recep. Center: Mrs. Perry J. Culver
Mrs. Byron H. Waksman

An M. G. H. First

In the past years the bowling season of the MGH has been limited to men. This year we have made plans to include women for the first time. All girls interested please contact the PRINT SHOP immediately and leave your name and average with MR. CLUFF at EXT. 898.

Our Bowling night is Monday and the time is 5:30 P.M. The alleys are located over the bank at Bowdoin Square which is very handy to the hospital.

Please hurry, girls, and send your name in TODAY.

R. H. Cluff
President

Good News

A happy event was recorded on August 12 when William Russell Ferrell, Jr., weight 6 pounds, 12 1/2 ounces, became the first member of the next generation in the family of our former editor, Edith H. Ferrell.

Heartiest congratulations!

Grace Whiting Myers

Nov. 14, 1859-August 21, 1957

On August 21, Mrs. Grace Whiting Myers passed away in her ninety-eighth year, leaving behind her a notable record at the M. G. H. Librarian, historian, and head of the department of Medical Records, she served the hospital with devotion, ability and imagination from the year 1897 when she was appointed to take charge of the Treadwell Library—and also the medical records and the compilation of the annual report—to the year of her resignation in 1925.

Those who remember Mrs. Myers describe her as small in stature; and her picture shows her as a beautiful woman. A courageous and convincing speaker, she addressed audiences containing not a few skeptics. Perhaps she best characterized herself when in the preface to her history she wrote as "one who has spent a sufficiently long term of years beneath the roof of the Massachusetts General Hospital to make every stone of its construction dear to her heart, and every incident in the history of its progress an event of personal pride."

ABOUT FOLKS

Baker Nursing

Best wishes go to Janet Meserve, head nurse on Baker 8, who received her engagement ring on August 3.

We wish good luck to Mrs. Betty Woodward, staff nurse on Baker 8, who is leaving to have her baby.

Ruth Wilkins, staff nurse on Baker 6, is tripping down the aisle in October; also Mary James, Baker 4, on September 17.

We want to welcome to Baker, Miss Margaret-Lee Kerr, staff nurse on Baker 6, and Mrs. Jeannette Brady, L.P.N., part time relief on Baker 8. Dorothy Holm is now working days on Baker 4 after working one year on relief.

Welcome back to Mary Shifisky who had a nice summer in Alaska.

Baker 10 is getting renovated for the coming season.

Hearty good wishes go to Mrs. Janet Merritt, the former Miss Silver, clinical instructor in Baker, who was married this past summer.

Dick Snaith

Dietary Tidbits

Summer vacation time has ended, colleges have opened their doors wide, and among the thousands passing through in pursuit of learning are seven friends who worked with us while our regulars were on vacation. The friends:

Clair Sirois and Angeline Leone from Baker Memorial; Diana Ventresca from G. H. Food Service; Ann McCarthy from Vincent-Burnham; Tom Gates, Charles Meszorly and Maston Nelson, Jr., from the White Kitchen unit.

We extend friendly sympathetic wishes for an early and complete recovery from their illness to Erwin Crichlow of White Kitchen, Ann Erickson of Vincent-Burnham, Helen McNamara of East Cafeteria and Blanche Razey of the Salad Room. Our sympathy, too, to Thelma Hawkesworth, best known to those who come into Nurses' Cafeteria between ten and twelve o'clock at night. Thelma spent her vacation plus a short leave of absence in Florida with her sister who is seriously ill.

September has been one of those busiest and happiest times for Josephine Collins, Diet Aide of Baker Memorial. Josephine has been preparing for her marriage to Carl Walker on September 21. May you and Carl share many years of great happiness, Josephine.

Rose Guarino of Bulfinch Research Ward 4 went visiting in Italy for her vacation.

Sam Locke of the Butcher Shop went to Florida for his vacation and Lucille Martinez of the Accounting Unit in the Food Store went all the way to California.

Miriam Cobb, Diet Aide in Baker Memorial, has decided to move to California in October after seven years with M. G. H. and Charles Beaudette on the late shift in White Kitchen has already resigned and moved to New Jersey. We hope that they will be happy and content in their new surroundings.

Frances S. Harvey

Eye and Ear

Many changes have occurred in the Infirmary over the summer months, both in new construction and hospital personnel. In the same hospital building that was opened in 1899 with all open-ward accommodations, there will shortly be no such large wards at all. Service patients will now be housed in attractive four-bed rooms, each with its own toilet facilities, on the newly renovated second and third floors.

Occupational Therapy announces the appointment of Miss Mary Ellen Hill as Director, replacing Mrs. Pat Huddleston, who has left for a life of domesticity. A new member of the department is Mrs. Barbara Moses, a graduate of the Philadelphia School, University of Pennsylvania, who comes to the Infirmary from Cook County Hospital in Chicago. Doing two months of clinical training here is Miss Diane Dornacher from the Boston School of Occupational Therapy. OT's newly formed Advisory Committee, consisting of Dr. Charles Regan, Eye; Dr. Robert Klotz, ENT; and Dr. Walter Jones, M. G. H. Medicine, had its first meeting this month.

Mr. Francis S. Hill, Director, and Mr. Charles T. Wood, Assistant Director, attended the annual convention of the A. H. A. held in Atlantic City from September 30 to October 3. Mrs. Paul Doehler, Director of Esophageal Speech and Secretary of the International Association of Laryngectomees, recently returned from a meeting of the I. A. L. in St. Paul, Minnesota.

The Nursing Department welcomes Miss Elizabeth Ahearn, R.N., as Assistant Director of Nursing, replacing Miss Dolores Hernandez, R.N., who left to be married. Miss Joyce Baer, R.N., is the new Assistant Director of Nursing Education replacing Miss Lois Bennett, R.N., who was married in August. Mrs. Mary Gontarski, R.N., has returned to the Infirmary after an absence of some years to become Nurses' Aide Instructor. Miss Natalie Gribben, R.N., is the new day supervisor, while Miss Josephine Kiezulas, R.N., has been appointed evening supervisor. Miss Marilyn Lomas, new secretary in the department, also works as a Licensed Practical Nurse on the floors one day every week end.

Miss Nancy Hunt of Hingham is the new Executive Secretary of the Boston Eye Bank, replacing Miss June Vine, who was recently married. A graduate of the University of Missouri with experience in Public Relations, Nancy will handle all Eye Bank cases and speak to groups and individuals interested in donating their eyes so that others may gain the gift of sight.

Seen around Social Service one morning a week is Mrs. Taylor Smith (Jean Dunn). Formerly a member of the department, Jean, now the mother of two girls, is doing volunteer work here in her spare time.

New faces on the research floors are Miss Janet Reardon, secretary in Eye Pathology, Miss Judy Norris, secretary in Mosher Lab., and the Misses Carol Stanley, Susan Boies, and Lina Holshuh, technicians in the Microcirculatory Lab.

Other newcomers to the Infirmary are Miss Marilyn Matheson in the Secretaries' Office, Miss Isabel Cardenas in the Admitting Office, Miss Joanna Domey in Patients' Accounts, and Mrs. Helen Vita and Mrs. Mary Baumann, X-ray technicians.

Our best wishes to Miss Ann McPherson, secretary to Dr. Dunphy, Miss Nancy Newman, social worker in the Eye Service, and Miss Jane McShera, secretary in Eye Social Service, on their engagements and to Miss Marie Kazan of Accounting who recently became Mrs. Donald Hunter.

Joan Temkin

Pharmacy

Congratulations to Frederick Tishler, Registered Pharmacist, who was married to Miss Janet Orlick on August 18 in the Temple Kehillath Israel. They are planning eventually to live at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Also to Mr. Arthur Feldman who is studying at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, congratulations on his recent marriage.

Agnes McGovern

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Ether Day

The Hospital observed Ether Day, the 111th anniversary of the first public demonstration of the use of ether as an anesthetic, on October 16 in the Moseley Rotunda. At this traditional annual ceremony service pins were awarded to 182 members of the staff and personnel for loyal service to the Hospital over the past 5, 10, 20, 25, or 30 years.

Professor Francis O. Schmitt, a Trustee of the Hospital, paid tribute to the honored guests for their faithful service, and, as the principal speaker, described the Mixter Laboratories for Neurosurgical Research as the crossroads of natural and medical sciences, and emphasized the important part they will play in expanding the services of the Hospital to the community.

Dr. Dean A. Clark presided and presented the awards.

Following the ceremonies, refreshments were served and the Service Pin recipients visited the Mixter Laboratories which had been dedicated earlier in the day.

On Ether Day pins were awarded, for thirty years' service to (left to right) Oliver E. Merrill, General X-ray; Albert F. Wait, Maintenance; Eleanor G. Harrington, Medical Records; and Mildred Cartwright, Phillips House Nursing; and to Edward Butters, Maintenance, who was not present for the photograph.

Those who received 20-year pins were: Rosanna Bongiorno, Donald W. Carpenter, Dorothy E. Kellogg, and Patricia LaPierre.

For 25 years of service: Dr. Myles P. Baker, Dr. Marshall K. Bartlett, Dr. Edward F. Bland, Dr. Harold A. Carnes, and Dr. Louis Nathan.

For 30 years of service: Edward Butters, Mildred Cartwright, Eleanor G. Harrington, Oliver E. Merrill, and Albert F. Wait.

Service pins were awarded on Ether Day for twenty years of service (left to right) to Dorothy E. Kellogg, Baker Social Service; Rosanna Bongiorno, Baker X-ray; and Patricia LaPierre, Phillips House Housekeeping. (Not present for the photograph, Donald W. Carpenter, Maintenance.)

Pharmacy

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ciampa on the birth of a boy.

Ellie Leavenworth, Bill Tibbetts, Alice Comeau, Evelyn Corbett and Jerry Simonelli were presented with service pins on October 16.

We extend our sympathy to James R. Norman on the death of his aunt.

We are sorry to learn that Dominic Cervizzi of the O. P. D. Pharmacy is ill on Baker 7. Many thanks to all those who donated blood as well as to those who stood ready to donate, and we wish Dom a speedy recovery from his operation.

We wish also a quick return to health for Ralph Tucci's father, a patient on Baker 7.

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On the platform, left to right, Miss Ruth Sleeper, Dr. Dean A. Clark, Mr. Richardson Rice, and Mr. Henry J. Murphy.

United Fund Campaign at the M. G. H.

The Massachusetts General Hospital United Fund Campaign for 1958 is well launched and nearing its goal of $12,500. Our quota is $2,500 more than last year for the well-known reason that UNITED FUND GIVING means support for more than 300 national and local health and social welfare services. "One drive for many appeals, once a year, that is your 1958 United Fund Campaign."

Shortly after mid-October, flaring torches decorated the Hospital walls, U. F. banners waved overhead throughout the passageways, in the White Lobby a sunburst bloomed over the entrance to the Main Corridor; and many other decorations, achieved by Miss Miriam Huggard of Phillips House Nursing and Mr. Anthony Giarrusso of the Maintenance Department, announced the beginning of the campaign for the United Fund.

These insignia set the scene for the meeting on October 23 in the Moseley Rotunda where Mr. Henry J. Murphy introduced Dr. Clark who in turn spoke of the great accomplishment of assembling into one campaign the groups heretofore making separate appeals. Dr. Clark said that this plan was becoming the pattern throughout the country and results in much greater economy. The M. G. H. will be one of the largest beneficiaries of the fund when the campaign is over.

Dr. Clark then introduced Mr. Richardson Rice, Director of The New England Home, and, among other activities, a member of the Board of the United Fund and President of the Massachusetts Conference of Social Work.

Mr. Rice pointed out that there is no more efficient way of giving than through the United Fund. No doubt it would be more satisfying to the donor to have direct contact with those who need help; but inasmuch as most of us have jobs and lack the time for this personal contact, we give our dollars instead. Moreover, necessary machinery for the personal approach is lacking and such a method would be more expensive.

Furthermore, Mr. Rice emphasized the fact that the United Fund would be greatly served by a payroll deduction plan. However, if cash is available, that means of giving would be very acceptable.

Many MGH-ers have been working diligently for weeks and weeks to insure the success of the Hospital Campaign: The seven members of the Campaign Committee, the 35 Captains, the 187 Solicitors, and many others. They have been doing a superb job — but they need you!

Have YOU done your part? Without your generous and prompt pledge or contribution, we can not reach our goal. To those who have answered the appeal — a hearty thank-you; and to all others, please do not delay, make your gift today

All contribution cards should be given to the Solicitors or left at the Campaign Headquarters Desk in the lobby between the White and Moseley Buildings, where Miss Sylvia Kaye will be at the desk every day. Each contribution will be credited to the unit of the Hospital where the donor is employed.

General Social Service

It is a pleasure to have back in our midst Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Jones, who just spent the past month renovating an old parsonage in Deer Isle, Maine. This structure is of great historical interest since it was built about 1775 on a land grant from the Massachusetts Bay Colony to the Congregational Church Society. The Joneses plan to make this their permanent home. Visiting them at this time was Miss Anne Turner, who is now a first-year student at Simmons College School of Social Work.

We welcome to our department ten students representing three schools of social work: Miss Patricia Black, Mr. Francis Kelly, and Miss Mary Mahoney from Boston College; Miss Roberta Copenhaver, Miss Treon McGuire, and Miss Virginia Stackhouse from Smith; Miss Susan Miller, Miss Prue Sherrill, Mrs. Sofia Torgan, and Miss Vera Nazzaro from Simmons. A tea was given in their honor on September 30th.

Birth announcements have been: to Mrs. Rose Perry Ruze, a girl in July; to Mrs. Rosemarie Wehrmueller, a boy in July, and to Mrs. Janet Ten-Broeck Pierce, a boy in September.

Recent marriages have been Miss Barbara Tasker to Mr. W. Kent Jackson in Somerville, and Miss Joan Hertzberg to Mr. Benjamin Korslund in Norwood. Joan will be leaving our department to make her new home in Philadelphia. To them we extend our best wishes.

Pauline Knott

Student technicians receiving certificates in June '57 upon completion of the course in X-ray technique are (top row, left to right) Judith Lively, Harry Hanson, Joyce Beaudry, and Gertrude Maechler; (lower row) Susan Aiken, Margaret Cox and Eugenie Asdourian.

Welcome to Marjorie Ionta

Miss Marjorie Ionta, formerly of Mexico, Maine, has been appointed Supervisor of the Department of Physical Therapy at the M. G. H. She is a Sargent College graduate and also did graduate therapy study at the Harvard Medical School. She has practised at George Washington University Hospital and the California Rehabilitation Center, and was the recipient of the first physical therapy fellowship from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Party For Mrs. Burnell

Members of the Hospital Family and the Ladies' Visiting Committee gathered at a Morning Coffee Party in the Baker Memorial Lounge on October first to extend best wishes to Mrs. Alice Burnell who is retiring to Florida after fifteen years as Manager of the General Store.

Pourers included Mrs. Floyd H. Blackman, Chairman of the Ladies' Visiting Committee; Mrs. Augustus Thorndike, Mrs. Henry M. Bliss, Mrs. Francis C. Gray, Mrs. Wheaton Kittredge, Jr., and Mrs. Gardiner H. Fiske of the Store Committee.

Mrs. Carl Warton is replacing Mrs. Burnell, with Miss Margaret Powers, formerly a Baker Ward Secretary, as her associate.

The Store has exciting news for the future. Plans are well under way to give it a new, decorative scheme and modern new fixtures. Please watch!

Another M.G.H. Opportunity

For over three years a course has been given in the M. G. H. Department of Radiology for student technicians who come here for study and training in X-ray technique.

This course begins in September and runs for a full calendar year covering practical experience under the guidance of skilled doctors and graduate technicians. Included in the course are 120 hours of instruction, lectures, all aspects of diagnostic radiology as well as training and instruction in the operation of therapy equipment, the handling and moulding of radium and radium implants, and the use of radioactive isotopes.

In addition to study and training at the Hospital, a required course of instruction is given at Northeastern University two nights a week from seven to nine o'clock. Tuition is paid to Northeastern and the charge for the course exclusive of books is $120.

This course was set up at Northeastern by the educational committees of the New England Roentgen Ray Society and the Massachusetts Society of X-ray Technicians. It is accredited by the Council on Education of the American Medical Association and staffed by the radiologists in the city of Boston and members of the Massachusetts Society of X-ray Technicians, among whom are two members of our M. G. H. "family," Robert I. Phillips, R. T. and Oliver E. Merrill, R. T., the latter a recipient of our 30-year Service Pin on Ether Day.

Attention! Mystery Lovers!

A staff member of the Warren Library has donated a stack of mystery stories which have been given a special place in the library and are available to the devotees of Whodunits.

At the party for Mrs. Alice Burnell given by the Ladies' Visiting Committee in the Baker Lounge, (left to right) Mrs. Carl Warton, newly appointed head of the General Store; Mrs. Henry M. Bliss, Mrs. Augustus Thorndike, Mrs. Burnell, Mrs. Francis C. Gray, Mrs. Gardiner H. Fiske (pouring), and Mrs. Floyd H. Blackman, Chairman, Ladies' Visiting Committee.

Available If You Need It

We have our fingers crossed and are saying "absit omen" over and over; but if you should be skiing in Sun Valley and should have a bad accident requiring hospitalization and the donation of blood, you could receive the blood in Idaho and your friends could replace it, or you could pay for it, here in Boston.

This convenient arrangement had its inception in 1953 when the American Association of Blood Banks voted to sponsor a National Clearinghouse Program which divided the country into five districts: Pacific, North Central, South Central, South East and North East. The first four District Clearinghouses were well in operation in 1956, clearing a total of 91,878 units of blood from July to December 31st of that year.

In November of 1956 the Board of Directors of the Blood Bank Association of New York State voted to sponsor the North East District Clearinghouse starting operations on January 1, 1957.

In this area the Blood Banks of the Massachusetts General Hospital and the Beth Israel Hospital agreed to function as so-called coordinator banks for the North East District Clearinghouse. Arrangements have so far been made with the larger Boston hospitals, such as New England Deaconess, New England Baptist, Children's Medical Center, Massachusetts Memorial; and these hospitals have become participants in the AABB National Clearinghouse Program via these two coordinating blood banks.

A blood bank clearinghuse is a central agency created and supported by allied blood banks to provide the following basic services: handling exchange of donor replacements between blood banks; facilitating the borrowing and lending of blood between banks wherever and whenever needed; keeping records, balancing accounts and arranging settlements to cancel interbank indebtedness; and engaging in such auxiliary services as are best conducted through a central agency.

Preparing shipment of blood from the Massachusetts General Hospital under the clearinghouse program, left to right, Anne McKenzie, R. N., Mrs. Norma Maguire, and Dr. Grove-Rasmussen.

Debits and credits are transferred via the District Clearinghouse,, mostly as paper credits and debits mailed from unit to unit, and final settlements are made between the blood banks and Clearinghouse in blood shipments or monetary settlements.

This tremendous operation of the clearinghouse is conducted with the help of only five full time paid workers, one at each district office, with a total annual payroll of only $25,000. The clearinghouses are self-supporting, charging a small fee for each transaction between member blood banks.

It is hoped that the American Association of Blood Banks and Red Cross blood systems will ultimately be united through a clearinghouse program in a complete nation-wide blood life line.

Volunteers Needed To Feed Patients

Patients are fed between 11:45 A.M. and 1:00 P.M.; and from 4:30 to 6:00 P.M. Since this is a difficult time for volunteers to come from the outside to do this service, we are appealing to our employees for assistance. If you are interested in helping, please call the Volunteer Department, Extension 2157.

Volunteer Department

A new standing committee has been established by the Trustees and is known as the Trustee Advisory Committee to the Volunteer Department. Serving on the committee are representatives of various departments and services associated with the Hospital as follows:

Trustees

Dr. Arthur W. Allen, Chairman
Mrs. Robert Homans
Mr. John E. Lawrence

Ladies' Visiting Committee

Mrs. Floyd H. Blackman
Mrs. Reginald Jenney

Staff Wives Association

Mrs. Charles B. Burbank
Mrs. Robert S. Palmer

Board of Managers, Vincent Memorial Hospital

Miss Dorothy Bartol

Boston Chapter, Red Cross

Mrs. Amory Goddard

Medical Staff

Dr. Edward F. Bland

Surgical Staff

Dr. H. Thomas Ballantine, Jr.

Nursing Service

Miss Edna S. Lepper

Social Service

Miss Josephine C. Barbour

Administration

Dr. Dean A. Clark

Director of Volunteer Department

Miss Mary Ruth Wolf, Secretary

The function of this new Trustee Committee is to consider all problems of recruitment and assignment of volunteers in the Massachusetts General and the Vincent Memorial Hospitals, and to coordinate and interpret the purpose and program of the Volunteer Department to all concerned.

Dietary Tidbits

Miss Rita Luschick, the sister of Clement, was recently married to Mr. MacKenzie; and Clement, White Truck Room, has resigned to go to the Central Supply Room of the Peter Bent Brigham.

We are happy to report that Blanche Razey of the Salad Room, and Ann Erickson of Vincent-Burnham, have recovered and returned to duty, and that Mabel McDonald is back again with us.

Frances Harvey

At the tea in Bartlett Hall, left to right, Dr. Graham Little from Belleville, Ontario — working in Ophthalmology — Mrs. Francis C. Gray, Past Chairman, Ladies' Visiting Committee; and Mrs. Walter Bauer, first President of the M. G. H. Staff Wives Association.

Staff Wives Association News

The first tea of the Staff Wives Association was held on October 24 in the beautiful living room of Bartlett Hall. At that time, in addition to the foreign professional visitors to the hospital, the Ladies' Visiting Committee were the specially invited guests. The past presidents of the Staff Wives Association, Mrs. Walter Bauer, Mrs. Edward D. Churchill and Mrs. Oliver Cope were invited to pour.

On January 23rd, a morning coffee will be held for the benefit of those members of the hospital staff who are never free to attend the afternoon teas.

Of particular pleasure to the patients are the chapel concerts sponsored by the Staff Wives Association at which a member of the hospital family is the performing artist. Miss Adele Khoury, secretary in the Department of Anaesthesia, was the soloist at the first concert of the season on October 23rd. Accompanying her was Miss Mary Ingraham whom we all remember as the first one to play our chapel organ on the occasion of its dedication. Further concerts are planned at two-week intervals by Mrs. John D. Crawford, the chairman of the Music Committee.

Dietary Tidbits

Josephine Collins, the new Mrs. Carl Walker, has returned to duty.

Kenneth Weyand of the Dish Room, as the result of a symposium in which he enrolled during his vacation in New York, has started to work with casein tempera paint.

Frances Harvey

Wanted — A GOOD Upright Piano for the M. G. H. Chapel

Since this piano is used by artists at concerts for the patients, the Staff Wives Association is anxious to replace the worn piano. Anyone with information as to where an instrument can be obtained please call —

Mrs. John D. Crawford
Old Concord Road, Lincoln
Tel. CL 9 - 8323
or Extension 2366 (Reception Center)

Medical Records

Betty (Hayes) Lindsay, Ina (John) Gibson, Bernice (Thomson) Marcus and Cynthia (Russell) Gove have every reason to believe that gentlemen prefer Medical Transcribers.

Asst. Medical Records Librarian Connie Markert is engaged to William Day. Mr. Day has attended Purdue University.

Mr. Thomas Lanni of Lawrence, one of the wisest and most sophisticated gentlemen at the Mass. General, is the new assistant supervisor of the night staff, replacing Bertram Christmas, now one of Burlington's foremost dentists. Norlan Flower (Northeastern '57) has begun graduate work at Harvard in Far Eastern Studies on a scholarship, and David Radcliffe (Equivalency Certificate, Mass. Dept. of Education '57), carries on his search for the meaning of life at the General College, Boston University.

Welcome back from the entire staff to Miss Jane Sands, supervisor of Patients' Index, who spent considerable time recently as a patient on E & E 4.

Frank Fitzgerald

Baker Nursing

We want to welcome the following nurses to the Baker Nursing Staff:

Janis L. Nolet and Evelyn Izenberg on Baker 10; Elizabeth L. Kennedy, Sheila Clark, Phyllis H. Armstrong, Carol D. Turner, and Phyllis N. Johnson on Baker 8; Edith G. Ryan, Jeannine G. Valdron, Marion A. Hicks, Mary S. Tully and Anne K. Haley on Baker 6; and on Baker 4 Joanne M. Bowe, Virginia F. Darcy, Ann M. Cull, and welcome back to Mary Scarpato, the former Mary James, on her return from her honeymoon.

We hope Janet Meserve is doing fine while resting following a broken knee.

We wish good luck to Patsy A. Loveless who is leaving to go to Baghdad.

The many friends of Ann Roberts (Radcliffe '53), who has been ill in a New York hospital, will be saddened to learn that Ann passed away on October 9.

Dick Snaith

The Bowling League got off to another great start this year. This year we have mixed teams with two women on each team. There are eight teams in the league, and we hope it will continue with eight throughout the season.

At this moment we find the Yankees in first place and the Tigers close behind. The scores are not very exciting at this point, but we hope as the season gets along the scores will climb.

As for some of the individual averages, we find Dan Caulfield heading the list with a 97 average for the men and John Murphy in second place with 95.

In the ladies' average we find Ginny McCann of the Reds on top with an 88 average. Jean Cushman holds the women's high single with 104. The teams are more evenly matched this year; every team has a chance for the top.

J. Cavallaro, Maintenance

Miss Adele Khoury, soloist at the first Chapel concert of the fall season.
(Photo by Bruno of Hollywood)

ABOUT FOLKS

Eye and Ear

The Personnel Club announces its new officers for the 1957 - 1958 season. President—Mr. Richard Taylor, Storekeeper; Vice-President — Dr. Robert Gohd, Virus Lab; Secretary — Miss Sandy Shelton, secretary to Dr. Schall; Treasurer — Mr. George Waters, Accounting Office. Club representatives from the various departments are Mrs. Marie Kazan Hunter, Secretaries; Miss Lucy Mitchell, Nurses; Mrs. Hattie Jones, Dietary; Mrs. Phyllis Flynn, Housekeeping; Dr. Robert Trotter, Eye Service; Dr. William Montgomery, ENT Service; Dr. Morris Henry, Eye Resident; Dr. August Stemmer, ENT Resident; Miss Charlotte Boone, Social Service; Mr. Arthur Shorter, Operating Room; Mr. Philip McGuire, Aides.

At the annual convocation of the American College of Hospital Administrators in Atlantic City, Mr. Charles Wood, Assistant Director, was appointed a Nominee to the College.

On October 29 Mrs. Mary Doehler, Director of Esophageal Speech, gave an explanation and demonstration of her work to representatives of community medical institutions and health services. Mrs. Doehler illustrated how her speech classes make it possible for the laryngectomized patient to speak again and carry on a normal conversation without any artificial device. She also explained the use of her text book and teaching record in helping the patient acquire a new voice. The lecture demonstrated how much these speech classes mean in the total rehabilitation of cancer of the throat patients.

Students from neighboring schools of social work are again doing field work in the Social Service Department. Miss Vera Nazarro from Simmons is working in the ENT Service under Miss Sylvia Seigel, and Miss Ann Buchman, also from Simmons, and Mr. Paul Loughlin from Boston College are working under the supervision of Miss Mildred Alexander.

Members of the staff will meet one evening a week for eight weeks for a seminar conducted by Miss Grace Nichols, psychiatric social worker in child psychiatry at the M. G. H.

The department welcomes Mrs. Ann Mayberry, the new case aide in both the Eye and ENT services and Mrs. Catherine Jerrill, who is replacing Mrs. Rosa O'Brien as part time case worker in the Eye Clinic. Everyone regrets the departure of Miss Mary Love who has left to become supervisor of case work in the Worcester Family Service Agency.

Dr. John Irwin, Director, and Miss Sandy Lee Weille, Miss Carol Stanley, and Miss Lisa Holschuh of the Microcirculatory Lab attended the Microcirculatory Conference held in conjunction with the basic science group of the American Heart Association in Chicago on October 25.

Working with Dr. Tooichiro Kuwabara in the Howe Laboratory are Miss Rachel Damphousse and Mrs. Myrna Geiges, who are replacing Mrs. Arlene Leone. Another replacement is Miss Jean Hutchins, who has taken Miss Mary North's job as secretary.

Other new technicians are Miss Freda Theopold in Eye Pathology, Miss Irene Dillen in Dr. Jin Kinoshita's lab, and Miss Dawn Dansius, replacing Miss Doris Deming in Dr. David Donaldson's lab.

New personnel in the Eye Service are Miss Barbara Healey in Glaucoma Clinic and Miss Joan Osborn, clerk in the Eye Clinic in charge of the Harvard students. Miss Charlotte Farrer is now working permanently in Refraction, replacing Miss Virginia Bordanara who has moved across to Retina.

The Infirmary welcomes Mr. Arthur Goldberg to the Accounting Office, replacing Mr. Marty Bernstein; Mrs. Judith Porter to the Admitting Clerks' office, and Miss Wilma Higgins to Mr. Jacobs' office. Mrs. Ann Graham is the new student from the Boston School of Occupational Therapy working in the O. T. Department.

The Nursing Department announces the appointment of Mrs. Laura Bechtel, R. N., as clinical instructor in the O. R. and Miss June Meeson, R. N., as new nurse in the Emergency Room. Working again at the Infirmary after an absence are Miss Edith Connelly, R. N., and Miss Bella Martin, secretary, as well as Miss Roberta Warshaw who worked in the Clerk's office over the summer.

The postgraduate course for RN's has attracted students from all over the world. Among the nurses taking the course are Mrs. Helen Costellonos, wife of Dr. Costellonos from Guatemala, Miss Violet Humphreys from England, Miss Ruth Ingalls from Australia, Miss Erma Domke from Germany, and Miss Dorothy Poole from Seattle, who has just returned from a year in Hawaii.

Joan Temkin

To Miss Genevieve Cole, welcome back to the Treadwell Library after a term as patient in the Hospital.

Dietary Tidbits

Best wishes to the former Miss Florence Rice, now Mrs. Iverson Lockley.

Chef Connolly of White Kitchen and Chef Martinez of Baker Kitchen attended the dinner meeting of the opening session of the Massachusetts Restaurant Association.

The daughter of Allan Rosvall, Food Store, was recently married in Martha's Vineyard.

Frances Harvey

General Nursing

Central Surgical Supply Room welcomes the following members to its staff: Miss Esther Cipoletta and Miss Lena Di Fronzo, as Utility workers, and Mr. John Melchin, a transporter.

Miss Eileen Wolseley, Surgical Supervisor, recently returned from a month's vacation in Mexico.

Miss Catherine Millett, Head Nurse on W 5 AC, has become engaged to Sgt. First Class Martin J. Cashin of the U. S. Army. Wedding bells will ring in January.

Mr. Hugh Heney of the Appliance Room has returned from his annual trip to the Maryknoll Monastery in Ossining, New York.

One hundred ten new nurses from practically every state in the country recently joined our staff. A warm and sincere welcome to all.

Miss Betty Cronin and Miss Silvia Danis, both of W 5 B and W 5 AC, respectively, returned from a vacation of one month in Monterey, California.

Miss Ann Cahill, W. O. R. Supervisor, returned from vacationing in Lynchburg, Virginia.

Mrs. Ellen Bernard has transferred from Dr. Waddell's Lab. to Baker O. R.

The following are new members welcomed to White O. R.: Miss Agnes B. Chattin, staff nurse, Miss Martha G. Smith, former staff nurse on W 5 B now scrub nurse; Miss Elizabeth J. Kavulak of Cleveland as staff nurse; Mrs. Esther Lane Wadden, who formerly was in White O. R. has rejoined; and Mr. Donald C. West, a hospital aide.

Miss Polly Jaques, head nurse in White O. R. Recovery Room, returned from vacationing in Bermuda.

Mrs. Helen Shea recently returned to White O. R. She and Mr. Shea are the proud parents of a new baby girl named Tara Eileen.

Mrs. Helga B. Medearis, formerly of the Moffitt Hospital in California, is now a new staff nurse on W 5 AC.

Jack McCracken

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Christmas Tea for Volunteers

Every year at the holiday season the members of the Board of Trustees together with Dr. Clark give a tea to do honor to the Volunteers of the M. G. H., the loyal group of men and women who in winter and in summer, in good weather and in bad, give the Hospital their dependable and invaluable service. This aid to us continues throughout the year and penetrates nearly every department of the Hospital.

The Tea Committee this year, forty in number, and serving as pourers, hosts and hostesses, was composed of some of our newer Volunteers and was chosen to show how much the interest of the group is appreciated.

In the receiving line were members of the Board of Trustees, of the Administration, doctors and their wives, and Assistant Directors of Nursing.

With Christmas as the motif of the affair, Mr. Richard Wulf and Mr. Peter Kahn, two of the group of thirty-five Volunteers from Harvard, played the piano, reminding us all that the Christmas spirit of giving is extended by our Volunteers throughout the year.

The Christmas Sprite (Miss Mary Lou Oudens, one of our Volunteers) brings the spirit of Christmas to the M. G. H.

Mr. Richard Wulf, the son of Mrs. Samuel B. Wulf who has volunteered at the M. G. H. for several years, playing the piano in Bartlett Hall for the guests at the Volunteer Tea.

To the Members of the M. G. H. Family:

The success of our first Hospital Campaign for the United Fund is indeed a cause for rejoicing. Not only did we exceed the goal of $12,500, but we did it in record time. The M. G. H. had turned in $16,100 at the time when this issue of the **World** went to press.

May I express, on behalf of the Hospital, sincere appreciation to everyone who contributed to the United Fund, and at the same time add a special word of thanks for the splendid organization and hard work of the 1958 United Fund Committee, the 35 captains and 199 solicitors.

Sincerely yours,
Dean A. Clark, M. D.
General Director

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Bowling

With the bowling season at the quarter mark we find the Yankees at the top with a 50 won and 10 lost record with the rest of the teams far behind. The Yankees face the problem of spotting its opponent, the difference in the team averages. This new system is used so as to make the teams more even.

In the individual scoring we find Walker Kieseling with the high single 125 and Dan Caulfield with the high three strings 323. George Boyce leads the league in averages with a 97 and John Murphy is right behind with a 96. Dan Caulfield was leading for a while but is having his troubles lately.

As for the ladies' scores, Jean Cushman still leads with the high single of 104 and Ginny McCann has the high three string 284.

The scores may not be too high but we are all having fun.

J. Cavallaro, Maintenance

Pharmacy

We welcome Mr. T. Hoberman and Mr. F. Kelley to the Pharmacy group.

We wish Dominic Cervizzi rapid recovery from his recent illness.

Agnes McGovern

Party for Dr. Hanelin

On November 26, in the Penthouse, the X-ray Department gave a party in honor of Dr. Joseph Hanelin, who is leaving the M. G. H. to become Chief of Radiology at the Newton-Wellesley Hospital. Dr. Hanelin has been a Staff Radiologist, working primarily in the Baker Memorial X-ray Department, since 1947. During this time he has made many important contributions to Radiology, particularly in the fields of bone disease and neuroradiology. He has been the author of numerous medical papers and has lectured extensively at X-ray and medical society meetings in this country and abroad.

Dr. Hanelin will long be remembered by his colleagues for his ability and warm personality. His kindness and sincerity as well have endeared him to the hospital personnel.

As a token of affection, the X-ray Department presented Dr. Hanelin with a suitably inscribed desk set for his office. It is with great regret that we see him leave the M. G. H. community and we wish him every success and happiness in his new position.

Dr. Joseph Hanelin receiving farewell gift from Dr. Laurence L. Robbins, Chief of the Department of Radiology

Polio Patients' Party

A group of polio patients who were in the Massachusetts General Hospital during the 1955 epidemic held a reunion in the Moseley Rotunda of the Hospital on Friday evening, November 22nd. The patients and their guests numbered about 175.

All the details for the reunion were planned by Mrs. Rose-Marie Newcomb and Miss Florence Willis who are still polio patients at the Hospital. The Master of Ceremonies, Mr. William Warwick, a former polio patient from Roxbury, was in charge of the brief entertainment, which was kept at a minimum to give the patients and former patients an opportunity to visit together informally.

Invitations were sent to all former polio patients who had been in the White Building as well as to the doctors, nurses, physiotherapists, Volunteers and all other members of the Hospital Family who were in touch with these patients during their long stay.

As part of the program, the assembled guests made a small contribution to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis as part of the kick-off for the 1958 March of Dimes campaign.

Mrs. Alice Lyons, Suffolk County Campaign Director, accepted the gift on behalf of the Foundation. Representing the Massachusetts General Hospital were Francis C. Gray, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Dr. Dean A. Clark, General Director.

Some of the guests at the polio party

Dietary Tidbits

Sympathy is extended to the family of Erwin Crichlow, White Kitchen, who passed away following an illness.

Now that the fall is here, Otto Skeppen has resumed the manufacture of rolls as well as the sweet rolls which are so well received in our cafeterias.

We had a pleasant visit from the children of John Smith, Baker Kitchen, the youngest visitor a three months old boy.

Frances Harvey

Polio reunion in Moseley Rotunda

Distaff Club News
Officers

Pres. — Mrs. William L. Morgan, Jr.
Vice-Pres.: — Mrs. Robert S. Harper
Sec.: — Mrs. John W. Grover
Treas.: — Mrs. William E. Karnes

The Distaff Club was founded six years ago by the wives of the Massachusetts General Hospital House Staff. It also includes wives of the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary residents, Fellows, and the women physicians on the House Staff, a total membership of 137 women.

The Club meets once a month usually in the Penthouse. Its purpose is mainly social and fills an important need by helping young wives, many of whom are new to Boston and the M. G. H., to become acquainted with each other. Activities this year include a barn dance, a Christmas party, several speakers on a variety of topics, and the Annual Spring Dance sponsored by the Distaff Club.

Distaffers like to help the Hospital in small ways. This year, for example, they made gay curtains for the Children's Medical Clinic and will soon be wrapping gifts for the annual children's Christmas party.

The Club is always grateful to those in the Hospital who support its occasional bake sales and would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank you."

M. G. H. Summer Tour

A tour of the British Isles especially prepared for the M. G. H. family members has been planned for next August. You may leave Boston on August 2 for Shannon and have a 17-day tour of the beauty spots of Ireland, Scotland and England for the price of $715, round trip by air, Tourist Class, based on two people traveling together. Extensions of this trip are possible enabling you to include the continent at an additional sum. Information available upon inquiry.

1) All meals are included except in London where only breakfast is provided;

2) Standard grade hotels, twin-bedded rooms;

3) De luxe motor coach, as per itinerary.

Leaving Shannon Airport your tour manager will escort you to Limerick, Killarney, Cork, Blarney Castle — you will see caves, mountains, the vast plain of Tipperary, bridges, abbeys — eventually to Dublin, capital of Eire since 1922.

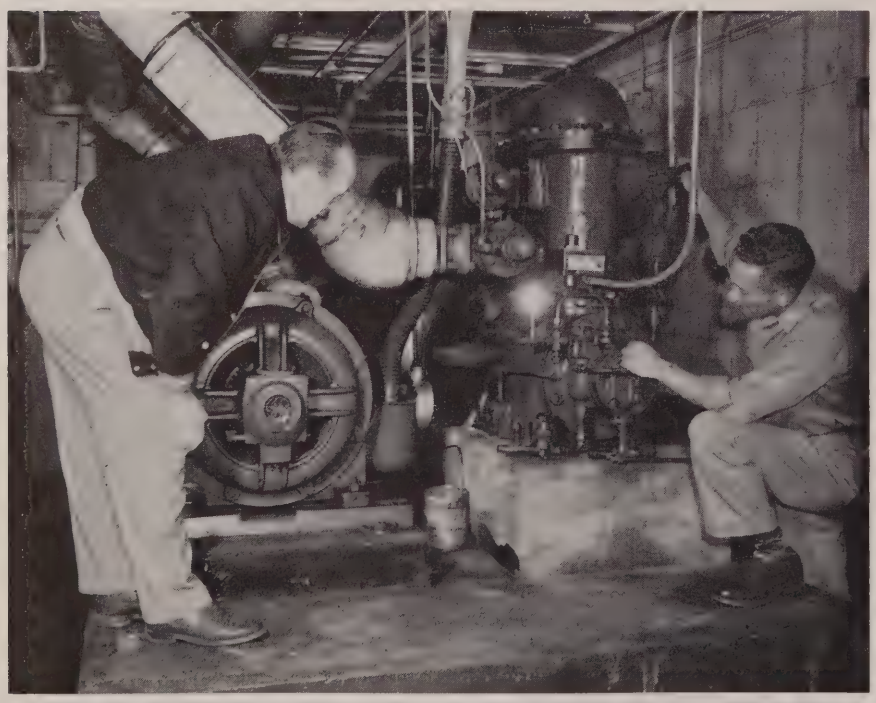
Then by air to Scotland: Princes Street, Edinburgh, and a tour of the city; Loch Lomond and the Trossachs.

Motorcoach to England will take you through the Lake country of the poets, to the Roman-walled city of Chester, then castles, the Shakespeare country, Windsor and London — to mention only a few high spots of the tour.

Then Boston on Sunday, August 17.

Or, if you prefer to extend your trip, a sample extension would be the Scandinavian countries where you would travel on a North Sea steamer to Bergen, see the fjords of Norway, continuing to Oslo, then Stockholm and the scenery of Sweden, crossing the ferry to Denmark and its cities, then Hamburg, Antwerp, Ostend to Dover, London and, on September 13, the flight home.

Herbert C. Fuller, Operating Engineer, Engineering and Maintenance Department, checking air conditioner, top floor of the Warren Building



George MacKinnon and Herbert C. Fuller, Operating Engineers, checking air-conditioning unit in White subbasement

Past Three O'Clock! A Cold, Frosty Morning!

"While in your beds, you're peacefully sleeping," as the old song of the Town Crier has it, here at the M. G. H. the work of maintaining the functions of the Hospital continues without let-up.

From the top of the Warren Building with its famous view of the city at night, to the subbasement of the White Building where the heat is — to say the least — noticeable, as well as in every other cubic foot of our institution, the Engineering and Maintenance Department insures continuity of heat, light, refrigeration, water supply, air-conditioning of operating rooms, piping of oxygen, and compressed air.

On the top floor of the Warren Building is pictured the air-conditioning unit for that building; and in the White subbasement we have a view of a unit twenty years older which takes care of air-conditioning the White Operating Rooms.

In our salute to the men who keep the Hospital functioning through the night watches, we say in the words of the old-time Town Crier, "Good Morrow, Masters All!"

Mrs. Abercrombie wishes to thank all those who participated in any way in her party and made it such a happy event.

At the party in honor of Mrs. Mary Abercrombie (left to right) Miss Frances C. Grady, Miss Marie Borghesani, Miss Charlotte Brown, Mrs. Abercrombie, and Mr. Ronald Whitney.

The M. G. H. said a hearty "Hail!" and a reluctant "Farewell" to Mrs. Mary S. Abercrombie on November 22nd when a tea was held in her honor in the Supervisors' Dining Room. Mrs. Abercrombie's term of service to the Hospital covers more than twenty-six years during which she was Floor Secretary in the Bulfinch Building, doing a piece of work which approached perfection. Her many friends are sorry to see her go.

General Nursing

Best wishes to Miss Janet Hixon, new Assistant Head Nurse on Burnham 5.

The following are new members in Central Supply Room: Grace Trevison and Marie Lauer; also John Chalupa, a transporter.

We are all very happy to see Mrs. Frances Snyder, former secretary of White 5 AC, back with us again, this time replacing Mrs. Mary Abercrombie, Secretary of Bulfinch 5 and 6, who is retiring after twenty-six years of faithful service.

New members joined the White O. R. staff. They are the Misses Patricia Ready, Linda Lafferty and Rosemary Fitzgerald.

White 5 has a new Orthopedic Supervisor — Miss Ramona Bentley.

The following are new graduate students on the staff of White 5 AC: Miss Carol Ann Davis, a graduate of Boston College, and Miss Barbara McArdle from Baltimore, Maryland.

Jack McCracken

A Good Cause with High Aims

A bazaar sponsored by the M. G. H. Nurses Alumnae Association was held in November in the Brick Corridor. Proceeds from the bazaar go to a large extent toward the annual scholarships for graduate nurses so that the raising of funds for these scholarships is an important project of the association.

The Committee in charge of the bazaar were Miss Marion Bates, Miss Charlotte Brown, Mrs. Irad Hardy, Miss Miriam Huggard, Miss Edna Lepper, Miss Grace Murphy, Miss Shirley Panchey, and Miss Eileen Wolseley, assisted by the officers of the Association: President, Miss Adele Corkum; First Vice President, Miss Miriam Huggard; Second Vice-President, Miss Janet Meserve; Treasurer, Miss Mary Ann Curry; Recording Secretary, Miss M. Virginia Sellers; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Augustus Lawlor; and the Directors, Miss Ruth Sleeper, Mrs. John Frost, Mrs. Edmund L. Flaherty, and Mrs. Walter Simcock.

Needlework, jewelry, books, aprons, "white elephants," as well as food were displayed on the tables; and the net amount cleared was over a thousand dollars.

Pharmacy

We wish the best of luck to Edward T. Murphy in his new venture. Mr. Murphy, a Registered Pharmacist, is leaving the M. G. H. for a job in Worcester.

M. G. H. Staff Wives Association News

One of the chief interests of the M. G. H. Staff Wives organization lies in entertaining and learning to know the doctors who come from abroad to study at the M. G. H., and their families. There are teas at the Hospital to which they are invited, and all the visitors receive invitations to the homes of staff members at Thanksgiving and Christmas. They are entertained independently, as well, by doctors working in the same departments.

Until this year the Staff Wives have given parties for the visiting doctors and families in the area where they lived. This meant that the Staff Wives in Boston and Cambridge had a tremendous number of people to think about, while those farther out in the suburbs had many fewer and even, in some cases, none.

To change this situation, the organization has assigned the visitors to the different areas in proportion to the number of Staff Wives living there, regardless of where the visitors live—once Boston and Cambridge had their proportionate numbers. In this way responsibility is equitably distributed among the Staff Wives, many more of them are brought into direct contact with the visiting families, and more can enjoy the privilege and pleasure of growing to know some of the visitors as personal and exceedingly interesting friends.

As is the case with most friendships, seeing the same people frequently and not always formally is what changes the relationship from the first somewhat strained basis on both sides to one of mutual understanding and enjoyment.

Many Americans feel constrained at first when they meet other Americans, and this feeling is compounded when differences in national, lingual, and cultural backgrounds are thrown in. It does take effort at first on both sides; but the rewards in stimulating friendship and mutual good will are many times worth that initial effort.

It is a pleasure to think of visiting families carrying to all parts of the world a picture of American home life, possibly as noisy and somewhat disheveled, but at least, an impression of honest straight forward friendship and genuine interest in them — something far more respectable than celluloid pseudosophistication.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Ralph Tucci upon the death of his father, and to Walter Steward upon the death of his mother.

Agnes McGovern

ABOUT FOLKS

Eye and Ear

As the result of a letter written to Columbia Records Company by Mrs. Barbara Moses, Occupational Therapist, stating the needs of our patients for records, the Infirmary was recently presented with a gift of 55 New York Philharmonic recordings. An award was given to Mr. Francis S. Hill, Director, by Mr. Edward Masterson, Sales Manager of Columbia, who said that the Infirmary had been chosen as the civic organization in the Boston area best set up to handle such a gift. The recordings, along with a variety of other records, were added to the collection in Occupational Therapy, where they are in constant demand by patients, especially those whose eyes are bandaged.

Now that the Infirmary has acquired additional trunk lines along with its new telephone number, (LA 3-7900), there are two switchboard operators covering Infirmary calls during the rush hours. Mrs. Helen Miller, Miss Phyllis Swanson, Mrs. Evelyn Murphy, and Mrs. Margaret Irwin, who will rotate handling Infirmary calls, recently went on a tour of the Infirmary to familiarize themselves with names and locations of Eye and Ear staff and personnel.

Five students from neighboring teaching colleges are participating in the supervised play program under the direction of Occupational Therapy. Miss Gloria Isaacs is in the Children's Ward on released time from the Perry Normal School every morning, while Miss Nancy Wilson, Miss GeeGee Mallonnee, Miss Margaret MacDonald, and Miss Ruth Davidson from Wheelock come in one morning a week.

Mrs. Esta Jeress from the Boston School of Occupational Therapy is the new student in the OT department.

Miss Madeline Shipsey, Case Work Supervisor, reports that Eye Social Service has started a series of monthly meetings with the Massachusetts Division of the Blind where, by discussing and planning together on new referrals, they hope to improve and better coordinate services offered to our blind patients. The social worker from St. Paul's Rehabilitation Center for the Blind also participates in these meetings.

Miss Mildred Alexander, special consultant to Social Service from the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, attended a three day conference on rehabilitation at the Simmons College School of Social Work, sponsored by the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Mrs. Helen Kerwin, formerly assistant to the director of the department, is convalescing at her home after being hospitalized in Baker 9.

Mr. Irwin Hertz, Director of Patients' Accounts, who headed the United Fund drive in the hospital, is pleased to report that the Infirmary exceeded its goal of $2400, which was $900 more than last year's quota.

Miss Nancy Hunt, Executive Secretary of the Boston Eye Bank, announces that a record number of eyes was received by the Eye Bank in October. Nineteen eyes were donated after death for use in the corneal transplant operation and eye research. The corneal transplant restores sight of persons blinded by a diseased or injured cornea. Eye tissue not suitable for transplant is given to research.

Brightly colored peacocks, kissing balls, and gay tree ornaments on the silver tinselled background of the Shop window are attracting visitors and employees to do holiday shopping in the Ladies Visiting Committee Gift Shop. The Shop, which celebrated its first birthday with cake and cider for all customers on November 19, again has a wonderful selection of Christmas gifts as well as a varied assortment of gifts for patients. Beautiful Christmas candles and corsages, hand painted trays, novelty glassware, festive cocktail napkins, a gala new line of jewelry, along with a wide selection of Christmas cards and decorative wrapping paper are among the popular items the Shop is featuring. Plans to extend the open-hours of the Shop during the holiday season have been announced by Mrs. Roseanna Kazanjian, Shop Manager.

The Nursing Department welcomes Miss Virginia Dooling as assistant head nurse in the Emergency Room, replacing Miss Rose Jingozian, who is now assistant head nurse in the Recovery Room. Other newcomers to the Nursing Staff are Miss Angelina Carbonell and Miss Marie Graham on 5, Mrs. Daphne Bulman on Baker 9, Miss Kathleen Kelley in the Recovery Room, and Miss Regina Svagdys, assistant head nurse in the Children's Ward, replacing Miss Muriel Valentine, who is now head nurse on Baker 9.

New assistant head nurse in Central Supply is Miss Ruth Pierce. Miss Dorothy Crosby is now part-time night supervisor.

Everyone was saddened to hear of the death of Miss Eva Whittier, who had been a nurse here for many years.

The Infirmary welcomes Mrs. Ruth Clark, cashier, who is replacing Mrs. Mildred Graham. Our congratulations to Mrs. Helen Vita of X-ray who was elected a member of the Medford School Board. Best wishes to Miss Janice Jordan, secretary in the Nursing Office, who recently became Mrs. Thomas Norris. Among her attendants was Miss Dorothy Pierce, secretary to Mr. Wood.

Joan Temkin

Pharmacy

Hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Cummings of 121 Tyndale Street, Roslindale, who recently celebrated their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary. Present at the festivities were the couple's three children, their six grandchildren, as well as other relatives and friends. Mr. Cummings was formerly a neckwear manufacturer and before his retirement was a member of the Pharmacy Department.

Agnes McGovern

X-ray Department

Mr. Robert I. Phillips, Chief Technician, Department of Radiology, attended an Institute for X-ray Technicians held in Denver, Colorado, November 8 - 10, 1957. Mr. Phillips served as a panel member on Friday evening. His topic of discussion was "Evaluation and Selection of Students."

Mr. Phillips will be a guest speaker at the New England Invitational for X-ray Technicians at Portland, Maine, November 15, 16, and 17. His subject will be "Motion — An Aid to Radiography."

Mrs. Dora Cappetti Crawford, R. N., former therapy technician, gave birth to a baby girl on the seventh of October at the Richardson House. The name of the new Miss Crawford is Roberta.

Welcome to X-ray Dept., Lawrence Watson!

Friends extend best wishes to Doretha (Busby) Barns, married on October 27, 1957.

A gift was presented to Harold Whittemore at a party given in his honor. He left the X-ray Department in November to join the Baker Nursing. We all wish him the best.

Mary Profirio

(Ed. — The next time you hear from Mary Profirio she will be Mrs. James Edward Lewis, the happy date — December 14. A "Jack and Jill" shower was given for the prospective bride on Saturday, November 16.)